

HOME NEWS

Government moves to set up an independent conciliation and arbitration service in industry

By Paul Routledge
Labour Correspondent

The Government yesterday announced the setting up of a new body to handle strikes and other problems in industrial relations. An Independent Conciliation and Arbitration Service will be established "as soon as possible", certainly in advance of legislation needed to make it a statutory body.

Mr Foot, Secretary of State for Employment, gave details of the service in a consultative document, the unexpected release of which followed the Government's defeat in a Commons standing committee considering the Bill repealing the Industrial Relations Act. Addressing a Lancashire miners' conference in Blackpool, Mr Foot accused the Conservatives of engaging in "a very dangerous game". He added: "We have had illustrations during the past week of how menacing may be the situation for the whole industrial conduct of our affairs while the 1971 Act remains on the statute book."

"The best service the Tories could do to the nation is to keep quiet about the Industrial Relations Act and let us get rid of it as speedily as possible, otherwise we will be confronted with some of the dangerous situations we had last week."

As Mr Foot was speaking, copies of the consultative paper were being sent to the TUC, the CBI and other interested bodies, with a deadline of June 14 for comments to be sent to the ministry.

This acceleration of the estab-

lishment of an independent conciliation service, a key demand of the unions, appears designed to head off TUC criticism of any watering-down of the provisions of the Trade Unions and Labour Relations Bill during its parliamentary passage which may follow the surprise Government defeat.

The Government's intention to bring in a conciliation and arbitration service independent of ministerial control was announced in the Queen's Speech. The Department of Employment said last night that the necessary legislation would be provided by an Employment Protection Bill "which it is hoped will be introduced later this year."

Before legislation the service will be run by a council comprising a chairman and nine members appointed by the Secretary of State for Employment. Three of the members will be nominated by the TUC and three by the CBI; the other three will be people considered to have suitable experience of industrial relations.

The service will eventually take over the Department of Employment's conciliation and advisory roles, and will adopt the function of the Commission on Industrial Relations to improve and extend voluntary collective bargaining in industry.

The consultative document says: "The service would be expected to act quickly, whether nationally or locally, to seek to avoid or end disputes. But it alone would decide what action it thought appropriate to take—and the tactical timing."

The Employment Secretary would have power to refer to it "any matter on which he wished to seek advice and assistance" and would also be able to call for reports on major issues and disputes.

He would also retain the power to appoint committees or courts of inquiry, thus reserving for the Government the right to deal with serious labour disputes that cannot be solved by the new body.

Conciliation will be undertaken by full-time professional staff, although the service will be free to call on people from outside. Arbitration will be provided from a panel of people experienced in the industry concerned. Those involved in a dispute will normally be expected to agree in advance to accept the arbitrator's award, but the service will not insist on this as a precondition.

Mr Foot told the Lancashire miners yesterday: "What we are trying to establish is a system of industrial relations based on persuasion, argument and consent. It is not an easy task, but it is much better than trying to do it by force or legal coercion, because they do not work. We have had that under Heath and I trust we are never going to try that experiment again."

He added: "We must set the whole course of industrial relations on a quite different road from that on which they were travelling when the Tory Government was in power, which produced the worst industrial smash-up this country has seen since the twenties."

Labour MP joins in call for NE inquiry

From Christopher Walker
Newcastle upon Tyne

The demand for an urgent inquiry into the state of the Labour Party in the North-East gathered momentum yesterday when Mr Giles Radice, Labour MP for Chester-le-Street, joined the growing number of party members calling for a full investigation.

Mr Radice said that new that the major figures in the Poulson affair had been tried, the time was right to hold an inquiry. "No party inquiry can investigate corruption, that is a job for the police and the courts. What we need is to see if there were Labour Party rules which were broken, and if so, whether there is now a case for a new code of practice for Labour parties", he said.

If an inquiry is set up, one subject likely to come before it is Mr Radice's selection last year as the sponsored candidate for the General and Municipal Workers Union in the Chester-le-Street by-election. There have been some suggestions which his selection in preference to a local schoolteacher was favoured by Mr Andrew Cunningham, regional secretary of the union before his imprisonment last month.

Asked if this matter would be raised if the inquiry was set up, Mr Radice replied: "It would be completely a matter for the people conducting the inquiry to decide what is suitable for investigation."

After years of entrenched opposition to demands for an inquiry into its affairs in the North-East, opinion inside the Labour Party in Newcastle is now moving rapidly in the opposite direction. Many officials and party members are deeply worried over allegations that the party has attempted to buy up local government corruption in the area.

Mr Radice's decision to speak out publicly came on the eve of today's crucial meeting of the party's regional council. A resolution demanding an inquiry will be voted on by the 250 delegates expected to give it a narrow victory.

Mr Geoffrey Rhodes, Labour MP for Newcastle upon Tyne, East, and Mr Edward Milne, Independent Labour MP for Ely, have already demanded a wide-ranging inquiry into the party's affairs in the area.

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Nurses from Wexham Park Hospital, near Slough, demonstrating yesterday during an afternoon strike in support of their pay. They belong to the Confederation of Health Service Employees.

No ultimatum on pay, nurses' leader says

By John Roper
Medical Reporter

Mr William Griffiths, chairman of the staff side of the Whitley Council, which negotiates on nurses' pay, said yesterday that when council representatives see the Prime Minister on Monday they would not present him with an ultimatum. But the Government had to make a political decision about how much money it would pay out.

Mr Alan Fisher, general secretary of the National Union of Public Employees, of which Mr Griffiths is a member, attacked the go-it-alone strike policy of the Confederation of Health Service Employees, another union, which has thousands of nurses as members.

Such a policy, he said, sowed seeds of confusion among nurses. "While our nurses will engage in short-term strikes and demonstrations, they will not be dragged into an all-out strike situation dreamed up by confederation leaders until they have had the opportunity of expressing their opinions through the trade union democratic process", he said.

This public disagreement between trade unions representing nurses will encourage the Royal College of Nursing in its claim that strikes by nurses are impossible and that its own proposals for mass resignations from the National Health Service will meet the case if the nurses' pay demands are not met.

Scottish strike: Mr Steve Grant, assistant regional secretary of the Confederation of Health Service Employees, said yesterday that unless nurses were given an assurance on their pay claim by the Government by Monday nurses throughout Scotland would be called out on strike immediately. (A Glasgow Correspondent writes). The confederation, he said, had 21,000 nurse members in Scotland.

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Ulster workers' council leaders in key industries

From Robert Fisk
Belfast

It is not difficult to meet the men who say they run the Ulster Workers' Council: You drive through east Belfast to the mock Gothic grandeur of Mr William Craig's party headquarters to find men like Mr Harry Murray and Mr Gerry Smyth discussing their strike with Mr Craig and some fellow politicians.

It comes as a surprise that Mr Murray is a shop steward at the Harland and Wolff shipyard and that every member of the UWC executive committee is running its strike from Mr Craig's offices, a member of the trade union movement.

It is significant that the executive seems to have members in most key industries in Belfast. One of Mr Murray's closest colleagues is a senior convenor at Short's aircraft factory. Other leaders are in the electricity service.

What the UWC may lack in numbers—it claims an unbelievably high membership of 58,000—it can make up in influence among the most essential factories in the east of Ulster.

Mr Smyth, the UWC spokesman, likes to produce last year's White Paper on Northern Ireland, particularly the passage headed "The search for consensus".

The British, he says, I found a consensus but less set up a govern Ulster without providing loyalist parties. Brian told people behind Assembly election the way of going to be any sharing and no Council land", he says.

"But now he is still Gerry Pitt and there is a C and of Ireland, any comment. The got to be fresh election autumn. We want to m same impression with o as the miners did in Bri

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Printing industry rise passed by Pay Board

By Our Labour Staff

The Pay Board yesterday gave its approval for pay increases of up to £3.05 a week for 100,000 workers in the general printing and provincial newspaper industry. The rises will be backdated to April 24.

Three unions, the National Graphical Association, the National Society of Operative Printers, Graphical and Media Personnel, and the Society of Lithographic Artists, Designers and Engravers, have accepted the offer, made jointly by the British Printing Industries Federation and the Newspaper Society. The Society of Graphical and Allied Trades, rejected the offer in a ballot of its members.

The agreement gives £3.05 a week to craftsmen, whose basic weekly wage is £26.38. Pro rata increases go to other grades.

Councils strike fear after pay talks are refused

By Our Labour Staff

The possibility of industrial action by local government white collar staff throughout the country was raised yesterday after employers refused to negotiate on a claim for pay rises of between 20 and 25 per cent.

Negotiators representing local authorities told union officials they would not discuss the claim while members of the National and Local Government Officers Association (NALGO) were present, in protest at the strikes by NALGO members in London boroughs.

NALGO represents most of the 400,000 staff covered by the pay claim and other union representatives present said they could not negotiate if NALGO was excluded. After the meeting Mr Eric Smythe, publicity officer for NALGO, said:

"We expect when this news gets out that there will be widespread anger from our members throughout the country. That may well resolve itself in them being ready to take strike action if called upon to do so."

Mr Smythe said that an emergency meeting of the local government committee of the association had been called for early next week to decide future action.

NALGO strikes in London area to be extended to nine more boroughs from Monday in support of the campaign for increases in London allowance payments beyond Phase Three limits. A meeting is to be held on Monday to discuss a recommendation that the total strike at Islington, London, should be ended after six weeks and replaced by a selective action.

Lords to review its rules on declaring interests

By George Clark
Political Correspondent

While the House of Commons is considering the introduction of a compulsory register of MPs' financial interests, the House of Lords is conducting a review of its rules.

The party leaders of the Lords realize that there is a different dimension to this question in the upper House. Peers are not elected; they owe no obligation to voters and are appointed after long service on the Labour and Liberal benches in the Commons. It is generally assumed that they are fairly well off, if not rich.

The rules about declaration of interest are generally obeyed punctiliously and there will be great resentment if Labour MPs in the Commons on Wednesday, debating their own motions on the declaration of interests, seek to widen the scope to include peers.

Peers who are expert in parliamentary procedure said last night there could be a serious constitutional clash between Lords and Commons if the Commons try to legislate for the upper House.

In the past it has always been accepted that each House is responsible for its own rules on disclosure, and there are some Labour peers who argue that the Lords rules are already more stringent than those in the Commons.

For example, the notes to Lords Standing Orders state: "It is a long-standing custom of the House that Lords speak always on their personal honour. It follows from this that if a peer decides that it is proper to take part in a debate on a subject in which he has a direct pecuniary interest, he should declare it."

Subject to this, the rules state, there is no reason why a peer with an interest to declare should not take part in debate. However, considered undesirable for a Lord to advocate, promote or oppose in the House any Bill... or for which, he is or has been acting or concerned in any pecuniary interest."

The peers, of all parties, believe that their rules offer good general advice, but they recognize that if the House of Commons, in the atmosphere of suspicion and doubt which now clouds the issue, decide to enforce new conditions in the lower chamber, peers must look to their own arrangements.

American girl cleared in guns plot case

Allison Thompson, aged 18, an American par-time model, bowed her head and sobbed as she heard a jury at the Central Criminal Court yesterday acquit her in the Heathrow airport guns plot case. She was cleared of two charges of conspiracy concerning guns.

Two men with her in the dock were found guilty of being concerned in a plan to kidnap a French government official at gunpoint and hold him in Morocco for the release of 30 Moroccan political prisoners.

Abdelkber El-Hekkaoui, a Moroccan, was convicted of three conspiracies involving guns and was jailed for a total of three years. Ather Nasseem, a Pakistani, who was found guilty on two counts of conspiracy, was jailed for a year. In both cases the verdicts were by a majority.

Mr Justice McKenna told Mr Nasseem, aged 21, that for two reasons he would treat him leniently than Mr El-Hekkaoui: his conspiracies had not endangered his life, and he was young; and under the influence of an older man.

The Home Office said last night that Miss Thompson is to be detained pending plans being made for her removal from the United Kingdom.

Prime Minister is asked to stop Bolshoi tour

By Kenneth Gossing
Arts Reporter

A further attempt to prevent the forthcoming visit of the Bolshoi Ballet was made by Equity, the actors' union, yesterday in a letter to the Prime Minister. It asked him to tell the Russian Government that the company's visit would be unwelcome at present.

The Department of Employment has already refused Equity's request that it should withhold work permits from the 135-member company, due in London next month for a six-week season.

A letter from Mr Foot, Secretary of State for Employment, said that while he shared Equity's concern over the Russian treatment of miners and miners' wives, he did not believe the work permit scheme should be used to stop the visit.

He thought it doubtful that it would help the miners, but added that this did not imply that he would not support the possibility of a general boycott of the suppression of artistic freedom.

Equity fears that there will be demonstrations during the Bolshoi's visit.

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Farmers' leader to see minister about pig prices

Str Henry Plumb, president of the National Farmers' Union, is cutting short his attendance at the International Federation of Agricultural Producers' conference in Austria for an urgent meeting with the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food in London on Monday morning.

The meeting was arranged at short notice yesterday and is expected to discuss the producers' pig subsidy which is due to be cut at the end of this month. The market is still depressed and producers' financial losses are continuing. The subsidy may have to continue at its present level for some time.

Scots paper plan rejected but second study to start

From a Staff Reporter
Glasgow

A feasibility report has rejected the possibility of a Scottish Daily News being produced by a workers' cooperative of former Beaverbrook Newspapers employees in Glasgow.

But when the findings were announced yesterday the action committee and other newspaper workers promptly rejected the report as "a document of despair", produced by academics who knew nothing about the economics of newspapers.

A second study produced by people "with professional knowledge" of the industry is being undertaken. It has been ordered by Mr Robert Maxwell, the publisher of Beaverbrook Newspapers, who emerged this week as a major backer of the proposed newspaper.

Mr Allister Mackie, chairman of the action committee, said in Glasgow yesterday that the deadline for disposal of the former Scottish Daily Express building in Albion Street had been extended three weeks.

"The Beaverbrook management in London has relented", Mr Mackie said. "We had a mass meeting today, and there was a unanimous show of heads for pressing ahead with the newspaper."

Earlier yesterday the Strathclyde University working party

Hunger strike threat by Miss Dugdale

From Our Correspondent
Dublin

Bridget Reese Dugdale, aged 33, a former London University lecturer, who appeared at the Special Criminal Court in Dublin again yesterday charged with creating 19 valuable paintings from Sir Alfred Beit and having firearms, said she would go on hunger strike until the four London car bombers were returned to jails in Ulster. Her trial was fixed for June 24.

As she left the dock she shouted: "Up the Provos, the people's army." She said that the Government in London were assassins and murderers and added: "This execrable Government in London is torturing four of the bravest Irish people ever to walk this land."

The Irish Republic does not, traditionally, force feed prisoners on hunger strike. There was heavy security at the court house and everyone entering was questioned about his business. Miss Dugdale arrived with an escort from Mountjoy prison, Dublin.

After the hearing she was taken by helicopter and accompanied by Limerick prison which was surrounded by troops and Special Branch detectives, who began round-the-clock security duties.

MP expected to edit 'Telegraph'

Mr William Deedes, aged 60, a former Conservative minister, is expected to become the next editor of The Daily Telegraph.

Mr Deedes said earlier this month that he would not stand at the next general election for Ashford, which he has represented for 24 years. He has written for the newspaper since 1937.

No date has been set for the retirement of Mr Maurice Green, the present editor, who is 67.

Devon breeds in close contest at county show

From Our Correspondent
Exeter

Devon's two native breeds of cattle, the Devons and South Devons, were closely matched in the Devon county show in Exeter yesterday. The winners were from the hardy South Devon run near Brisham by Mr Herbert Tully and his two sons, Richard and Gordon, who have won eight championship awards at this year's show.

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Interbreeding between the two breeds was discouraged by a local farmer: "I have seen a lot of South Devon and Devon crosses, but they are not good."

Devon has a long history of beef production. The Devon county show is one of the largest in the country. It is held annually in Exeter. The show is a major event for the county and attracts thousands of visitors. The show is a great opportunity for farmers to display their best stock and to meet other farmers in the area. The show is also a great opportunity for the public to see some of the best stock in the country. The show is a great event for the county and a great opportunity for everyone to enjoy.

Weather forecast and recordings

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Early colonial drawings and sketches tract dealers from abroad

Mr Norman Room Correspondent said the sale yesterday of drawings and sketches of the United States, Canada, Africa, Australia, New Zealand and other places... The sale totalled £89,321.

Exorcist's nightmare theory rating's death fall

Senior police officer yesterday supported the theory a naval rating aged 16 fell as death from a second-storey window because of nightmares after watching the film 'The Exorcist'.

MPs seek new inquiry into unratty case

MPs yesterday called for a new inquiry into the conviction of James Hanratty, who was hanged for the AG murder in 1962.

Tankers at risk because of tidal surges

By Our Science Correspondent A risk of large tankers going aground through miscalculation when using the table of predicted tide levels is causing concern.

Peers and minister praise Miss Arrowsmith

Two peers and a Government minister were among witnesses who gave evidence at the Central Criminal Court yesterday on behalf of Pat Arrowsmith, the campaigner for peace, who is accused of inciting troops to desert.

Freedom has been raped, Mr Guinness says after students stop his speech

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The jacket section of an oil production platform nearing completion at the Grayboppy yard of Laing Pipelines Offshore, near Hartlepool. BP intend to install two platforms this summer for the Forties oilfield in the North Sea, 110 miles off Aberdeen.

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In brief

Waste tipping on beaches to end: The tipping of colliery waste on beaches in co Durham is to end... Petty Officer for trial: Petty Officer Philip Loel Tomlinson, aged 34, was committed for trial at Maidstone Crown Court from Chatham Magistrates' Court yesterday.

Helicopter rescue

Mrs Evelyn Bexon, aged 73, of Storton Drive, Sherwood Estate, Nottingham, missing while on holiday at Westward Ho!, Devon, since noon on Thursday, was found by a helicopter luddled at a cliff bottom nearby yesterday.

Theatres tax plea

A call for zero-rating of value-added tax for theatres 'as a matter of urgency' has been made by the Theatrical Managers' Association in telegrams to the Prime Minister.

Explosion death

Mr Louis Robertson, aged 48, a supervisor electrician, of London Road, Staines, died yesterday from injuries he received in an explosion at Heathrow airport London, on Thursday.

Rugby School theft

Five pieces of Chinese porcelain valued at £17,250, including a fifteenth-century blue and white carnation dish valued at £1,000, have been stolen from Rugby School art gallery library.

Railwayman killed

Mr Henry Trice, aged 53, of Twford, Berkshire, a British Rail track supervisor, was killed yesterday by a train as he worked on the line at Woking, Surrey.

Road tanker splits

A petrol tanker split open, spilling 650 gallons and closing the road at Sundridge, near Sevenoaks, Kent, yesterday.

Law Report May 17 1974

Drivers without seat belts should not have damages reduced

Smith and Another v Blackburn and Another: Mr Justice O'Connor added his voice to judicial dicta against the view that car drivers and passengers injured in road accidents should have their damages reduced merely because they were not wearing seat belts.

PARLIAMENT, May 17, 1974

Bill gives councils greater power to protect ancient buildings

MR SHERBY (Hillingdon, Uxbridge, C), moving the second reading of the Town and Country Amenities Bill, said it was an opportunity for the House to consider the conservation of Britain's heritage.

25 years ago

From The Times of Wednesday, May 18, 1949: From Our Correspondent Oxford, May 17.—The Bodleian Library announced this evening that it has received through the Friends of the Bodleian the bequest of 100 medieval manuscripts from J. P. R. Lyell, of Abingdon, the largest bequest of medieval manuscripts the library has received since that of Francis Douce.

University news

Cambridge: G. Griffiths, Pembroke College, has been appointed to the new post of Fellowships at Princeton University for the academic year 1974-5. His subject is the history of the English language.

Latest wills

Latest estates include: one, before duty paid; further duty may be payable on some estates; Black, Mrs Cecilia Storey, of Stroud, Gloucestershire, died (duty paid, £23,511).

Talks on developing youth service

SIR EDWARD BROWN (Bath, C) moved the second reading of the Youth and Community Bill to make further provision for youth services in the community and for participation by youth in community development.

OVERSEAS

Volunteers fight to save Victoria town from ravage of floods

From Our Correspondent Melbourne, May 17. People in north-eastern Victoria are still fighting a desperate battle against raging flood waters. Sandbags were down to Shepparton from Seymour and Ballarat today as 1,000 volunteers fought to save the town from the worst floods in history.

Greek newspaper draws moral from Portugal

From Our Correspondent Athens, May 17. Unexpected support for free elections in Greece has come from the Salónica daily Elliniki, which is believed to reflect the views of the military in northern Greece. The newspaper pointed out that 40 years of dictatorship in Portugal had ended in a Government with communist ministers.

Indian rail strike starts to peter out

From Our Own Correspondent Delhi, May 17. The Indian Government, apparently confident that the day-old national rail strike is petering out, today decided to do by its refusal to negotiate with the militant railwaymen unless they call off their strike.

Nairobi venue for 1975 Commonwealth conference

A. M. Rendell, Commonwealth Correspondent. The next Commonwealth summit conference will be held in Nairobi in 1975. Formal agreement to the invitation from the Kenyan Government will be made next week by the Cabinet.

Postal and Weekend Shopping

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CONVERT LOFT SPACE INTO LIVING SPACE. ARCHITECT DESIGN - SPEEDY CONSTRUCTION. Includes image of a loft conversion.

WESSEX LOFTS. Littlemoor Mark, Highbridge, Somerset TA9 4NL. Includes image of a loft.

BRIANCO COLOURS. Lets all cheer up and brighten homes with BRIANCO COLOURS. Includes image of a sofa.

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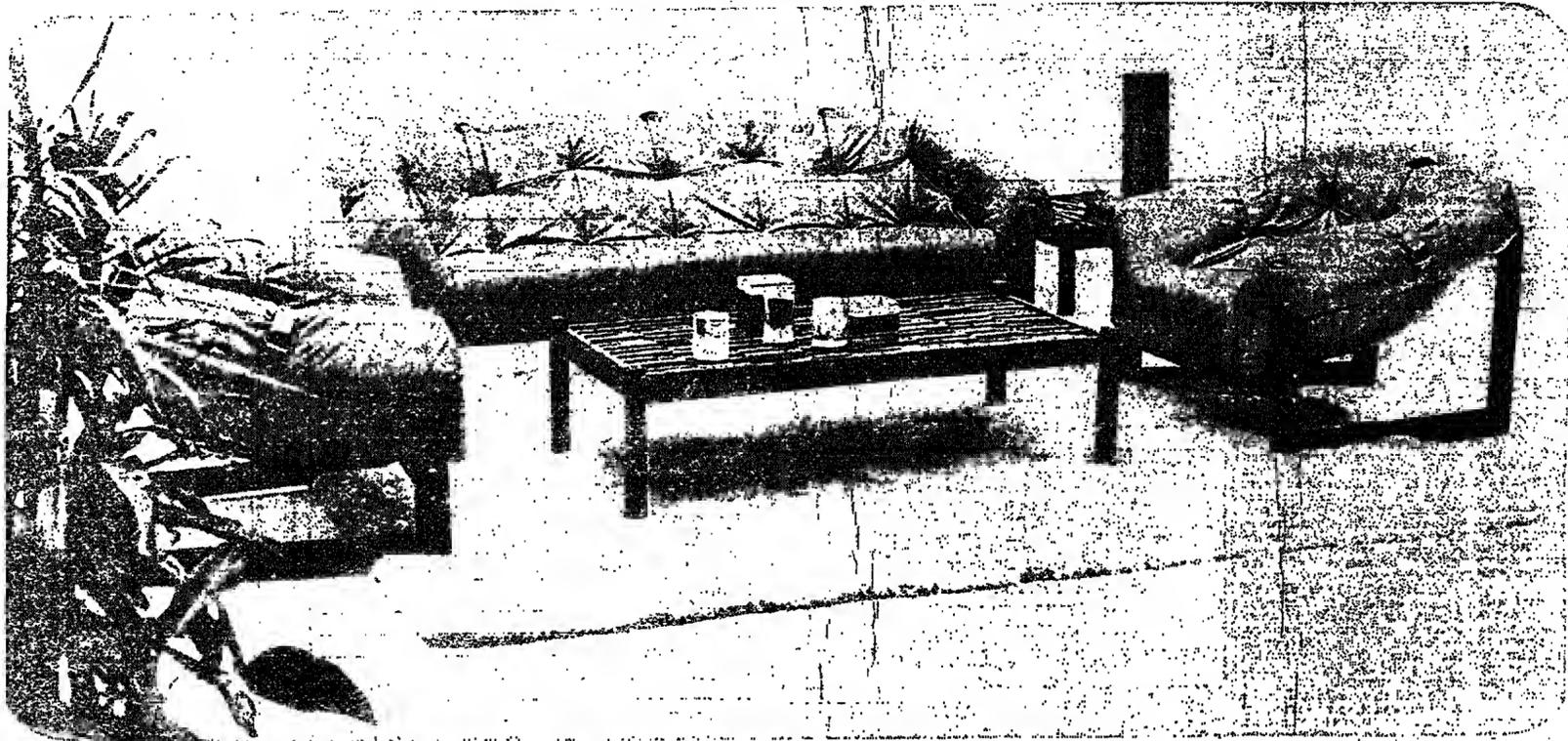
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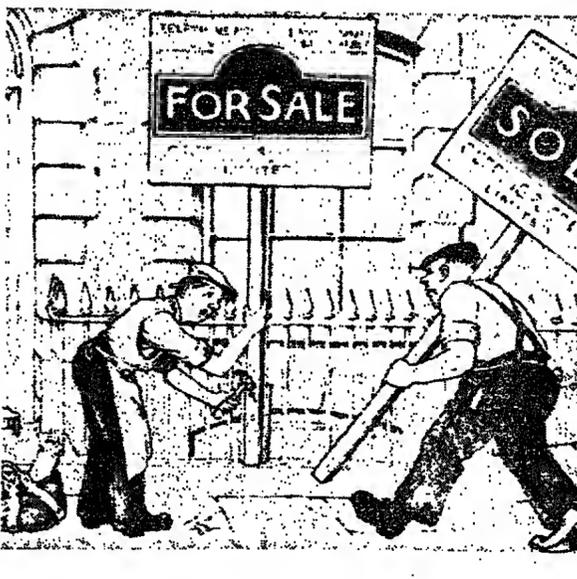
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The Haiti connexion

by Robin Furneaux

The campaign which William Wilberforce led against the British slave trade lasted nearly 20 years before its triumph in 1807; the institution of slavery survived for another 27 years. The period in between was one of frustration for the abolitionists, but there was a moment of great excitement. The Haitian slaves had risen during the French Revolution, massacred their masters, fought off armies from France and England,

and established their own countries. One of these, the Kingdom of Haiti, came to be ruled by Henri Christophe, a man of exceptional ambition and imagination. Christophe and Wilberforce became correspondents, the King sometimes writing from his impregnable citadel in the Haitian mountains, the philanthropist from his house at Kensington Gore on the site of the Albert Hall.

The slave's citadel: the castle built on La Ferrière is a testimonial to the genius of Henri Christophe, the slave who became king of Haiti. From it Christophe frequently wrote copious letters to William Wilberforce—the first of such weighed 85 ounces.

Wilberforce's fight against the slave trade gained him many peculiar correspondents. At the same time as he was lobbying heads of state, writing to the foremost political and literary figures of the world and sending a copy of his works for the Pope's perusal, he would also be corresponding with obscure missionaries, seamen and slave owners. But none of his correspondence was more colourful than his exchanges with Henri Christophe, the Emperor of Haiti, a nation which has never been distinguished for the probity or administrative qualities of its rulers. From Dessalines to Papa Doc they have imposed a reign of terror on their wretched country. But during the last years of the French wars it seemed that Haiti had found its Henri Christophe, a leader of true genius, under whom she might advance to the Black Renaissance of which the Abolitionists had dreamed for so long.

Henri Christophe was born a slave in the British island of St Kitts, in spite of which he always retained an affection for his "native country". He served with distinction in the revolutionary and civil wars and once the turbulent forces of Haitian politics had thrown him into power he promptly arranged to be crowned King. [Christophe was King of part of the old French colony of St Domingue. The other part, also ruled by ex-slaves, was called the Haitian Republic.] Christophe was a man of outstanding ability and imagination, with the objectivity to see his country's shortcomings and the confidence to tackle them. He realized that Haiti could never be safe while the threat of reconquest by France hung over her. She remained potentially the richest country in the New World and in the eyes of the French she was a colony which had revolted and which, but for the British blockade, would have been reconquered long ago. Napoleon had sent an expeditionary force under General Leclerc to subdue the Haitians during the Peace of Amiens. After initial successes Leclerc's army, decimated by yellow fever, harassed by the Blacks and cut off from France by the renewal of the war, wisely surrendered to the British. The conventions at Paris and Vienna took no account of Haiti and left the French at liberty to attack her again when they wished. Christophe's relationship with the Republic of Haiti was also stormy and sometimes the two countries were at war. So long as the Haitians remained Christophe needed to keep up a large standing army, though this was economically damaging and politically dangerous. Recognition by the British would give Haiti a new security against such dangers.

Christophe saw Haiti's second need as education, without which she could never raise herself from the miserable state in which the French had left her. Here again he must turn to England, both because the most advanced educational pioneers were English and because he could find in the abolitionists a group of men able and willing to help him. Christophe's reasoning ran on the same lines as his feelings, his affection for England having been reinforced by her abolition of the slave trade and his own dress and manner on that of George III whom he admired immensely. He never felt the same liking for Americans, partly because of their flirtations with Napoleon and partly because of their tolerance of slavery. Christophe could pace about with which a stout stick any idler he saw would be once taking on a brace merchant to task for when the Haitian regulations, I had you mumbled, "I wish the King I. Charleston now, doing his a him, and anybody know a never to let replied. "And hange English, think I should ferng do you

The first letter which Christophe wrote to Wilberforce was on the charge of £37.10. The striking correspondence was abrogatory cation. Wilberforce refused Christophe to the British Foreign School Society, which followed Joseph Lancaster's system. Wilberforce had refused to become vice-president of the Lancaster schools on the grounds that "emulation and vanity are the vital breath of the system",

but Lancaster's methods were well suited to mass education where there could be few teachers. He claimed that "one master may conduct a school of 1,000 children with perfect ease" and achieved this by an ingenious system under which monitors played the part of assistant masters and lesson boards were used. Lancaster taught Reading, Writing, Arithmetic and Needlework, and in an age when other schools enforced discipline with savage brutality he substituted humiliations for corporal punishments. Christophe, so far as flogging was concerned, inclined more to the views of Dr Keate, but he adopted the rest of Lancaster's system. The first master, Thomas Gulliver, arrived in Haiti in September 1816.

The first school excited everyone by its success. In April 1817 Gulliver reported, "My scholars possess great abilities, they make rapid progress in the English language. It is now six months since I commenced to qualify some monitors and at present they are capable of teaching a class of 30 or 40 boys. . . . They have advanced to six months to the sixth and seventh classes, and go through the four first rules of arithmetic in English with facility." The King inspected the school, and expressed his satisfaction to Gulliver with the gift of a sheep and some coffee and sugar. By the end of 1817 there were five schools open in Haiti. In 1818 a Royal Academy was set up to provide secondary education. The progress made by the Haitian pupils convinced visitors that their race was not intellectually inferior to the white.

Christophe also founded hospitals under the superintendence of his Scottish doctor, Duncan Stewart, which were thought to plot as any in England. He tried agricultural experiments, giving his soldiers small grants of land, and asking for English workmen to demonstrate the use of the plough. Schools for girls followed those for boys.

These developments were followed with eager excitement. English abolitionists experienced the same feelings as liberals in France at the time of the American Revolution. Here in front of their eyes all their arguments were being justified, all their dreams fulfilled. An independent Negro state, peopled by those who had been slaves, but enlightened and set upon improving itself, must soon bring the whole hideous edifice of slavery down in ruins. Sir Joseph Banks expressed his enthusiasm in a letter to Wilberforce: "Were I five and twenty as I was when I embarked with Captain Cook, I am very sure I should not lose a day in embarking for Haiti. To see a set of human beings emerging from slavery, and making most rapid strides towards the perfection of civilization, must I think be the most delightful of all food for contemplation." Wilberforce lamely to Macaulay, "Oh how I wish I was not old and you not too busy to go." As it was he could do much to help. He wrote to Stephen, "He has requested me to get for him seven schoolmasters, a tutor for his son, and seven professors for a Royal College he desired to found. Amongst these are a classical professor, a medical, a surgical, a mathematical, and a pharmaceutical chemist." The King asked him to sit for a portrait and sent him one of himself and his son.

On November 13, 1816, Christophe wrote a long and friendly letter to Wilberforce. "Je suis profondément mon cher Wilberforce, des sentiments généraux et philanthropiques que vous m'exprimez, et je serais indigne de l'amitié pure que vous m'avez vouée, si je ne faisais tous mes efforts pour la mériter, en suivant les sages conseils que vous me donnez." The King said that he understood Wilberforce to write in that language. He expressed great satisfaction with the progress of the schools. The spreading of religion and morality would be more difficult in a country fresh from slavery and 20 years of revolutionary and civil wars, but he intended that it took place. He expressed Christophe's desire to distinguish his country from every other French, to eradicate the French language and replace it with English and to establish the Catholic Church in place of the



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lengthy passage in which he praised the English national character as brave, loyal, philanthropic, religious and honest and denounced the French as degenerate, degraded, vile and false. He contrasted Louis XVIII's vaunted religion with his authorization of plots to enslave Haiti; he finished by begging Wilberforce to consider the portrait he had sent as that of two of his most sincere friends. Wilberforce needed no such encouragement to spur on his efforts for Haiti. It was already too appealing a cause, but every letter he wrote to the King now contained some religious message. On October 8, 1818, he sent off an immense letter, which must have nearly brought their bills for carrying charges level. Wilberforce had tried and failed to obtain some recognition of Haiti's independence from the meeting of the powers at Aix-la-Chapelle. He sent Clarkson as an emissary. "Clarkson seems formed by Providence for the purpose," he wrote in his diary. Clarkson was also acting directly

for Henri Christophe, but although he impressed Tsar Alexander by showing him letters of Christophe, he returned with no more than expressions of friendship. Nevertheless neither he nor Wilberforce thought the chances of a French invasion were very high. Together with this message of encouragement he was able to tell Christophe that the Spanish had joined with the Portuguese in abolishing the slave trade. He had great difficulty in finding suitable candidates for employment in Haiti. Apart from the services and missionaries he found that the "disinclination of men of good character to go abroad is very great unless they can find no way of maintaining themselves at home". Religion alone, he thought, could strengthen men to do their duty in the midst of temptations. He slipped easily into a discussion of the value of religion to the State and of the superiority of the Protestant system. He pointed out the support given by the religious to abolition. He

recommended the Protestant Sunday. "A great variety of little works," he continued, "have been published in this country of late years for the purpose of inculcating useful knowledge and good works. Many of these though professing to be intended for the use of young people, may be read with advantage by persons of any age." He sent out a great number of these tracts for use in Christophe's new schools. "A few copies of the different kinds that are very handsomely bound are intended for the use of your Majesty's own family who may be inclined to read them, and I cannot but flatter myself that they will derive both pleasure and profit from the perusal." He also sent Christophe a copy of the British Encyclopaedia, "an excellent publication, in truth a library of itself". Dialogues on Political Economy and, to reinforce the King's Protestant leanings, Histories of the Jesuits and the Inquisition. Christophe cannot in fact have done more than to

with the idea of changing Churches. He was a regular attendant at Mass and his country was firmly Catholic. He playfully gave the two histories to his Roman Catholic Archbishop. Wilberforce had discussed with Stephen the dangers posed by Christophe's armies. Now that he was convinced that France did not intend to invade Haiti, he felt bound to pass on his views. "I am aware, indeed," he wrote, "that hitherto your Majesty has been under the necessity of considering yourself to be ready to repel the sudden assault of an invading enemy, rather than as administering the concerns of a Kingdom at peace with all the world. This we know has rendered it necessary for you to be a nation of soldiers, but surely it cannot be but that you would have notice from your friends in this country if the French court should be infatuated enough to renew their attempt. I trust, therefore, that your Majesty may be able to allow your people to

slide gradually into the various lines of civil industry, and get to keep them in a state in which they may, at any time able to count forward effectually for their own preservation, even more than for your Majesty's defence."

British recognition of Haiti depended on the attitude of the House of Commons, where feelings against the "African cause" still ran high. There was also much goodwill and generosity to be tapped, and he asked Christophe for a résumé of events in Haiti since 1790.

Of all the King's requirements the ploughmen proved the most difficult to fill. "The honest rustics and their apparatus," as he called them in a letter to Christophe, did not embark until the end of 1819, and then they left Wilberforce full of misgivings. He wrote to Macaulay on November 9.

"My heart quite fails me at the idea of sending these . . . raw creatures into so distant, and to them, so strange a climate, without preparing them more for what they have to expect. I began my note meaning to entreat you to talk with them, especially on what I did not mention, the moral, or rather immoral state of society in Haiti. . . . I desired them to confer with you about their health, how to proceed on the first symptoms which you would state to them they ought to regard as indications of approaching sickness and how best to take precautions against its attacks."

The ploughmen came to no harm but neither were their implements successful. One was sent to a place so rocky that it could be tilled as well by the Haitians' primitive implements as by the iron ploughs bought by Wilberforce. The other could not persuade the local farmers to abandon their old ways. Both soon returned to England.

Wilberforce's instincts about the danger of keeping so great an army proved to be right, though he had only seen one side of the King's character. He had exchanged letters with Christophe the visionary, the idealist and the philosopher, the King who was determined to prove his people "the equals of any. He had had misgivings at times, as when he wrote to Thomas Harrison in September 1818. "I am truly concerned at reading in the papers passages which afford but too much reason to fear that Christophe is again about to renew hostilities against the Haytian Republic as it is called, it is some palliation that he probably is afraid of being attacked by the French on that quarter. Still where power has once been tasted, one cannot help fearing the disposition to extend the means of gratification—nothing can be so ill judged with a view to interesting the Public in his behalf against any attack that might be made on him by the French Government."

But he never knew Christophe the tyrant, or saw the means he used to drag his people into modern life. As time passed Christophe grew more violent, his demands increased and his rages became more frequent. In August 1820 he suffered a stroke followed by partial paralysis. His enemies rebelled, and guard deserted him and killed him. Wilberforce heard of the December 9. Shortly after he wrote to the Reverend Whigham: "I cannot mention Ha out interposing a word concerning this state to show that he is fallen in fashion to call Christophe did deserve that name, I compatible with the desire in a sovereign for provement and happier people; and I must add the authentic accounts heard of him have led I believe that he was really man, with but few and a year later he wrote to "Poor Christophe! I help grieving at the character's being left to and cultures to be done Wilberforce made effort to save Christophe's works. heard that de Vastey Christophe's supporters been sentenced to d wrote to "the Head of Government" asking f for de Vastey, and impl not to destroy the sci. Christophe had start pleas were in vain. By Wilberforce wrote his Vastey had been dead months and the school doomed. The country into ignorance and dis once again provided Indian lobby with a point. Henri Christophe's daughters were allowed Haiti. They arrived in the summer of 1824, stayed until 1824, moved to the more climate of Italy. They Clarkson's home for year. Long afterwards that "when Christophe and daughters, all acc women, were brought duced by him to W and others in high life. a sort of shrink at them into high society force wrote to Mrs C March 1827, "I am su be cordially glad to re any benefit, as would berforce also. But I ha to spare and she h present spirit to me office which would considerable share Wilberforce's relucta cerive the Haitians was rather ungenerously sort to a refusal to reco royal negroes as soon and by Henri Christophe grapher to a delicate widow's bumpous l tain Sutherland. The gave was more lik night. Their elder d died on December Barbara might well be longer than two mon cover enough to face of royal Haitian ladies. This extract is from Wilberforce by Robin Furneaux, published by Hamish Hamilton © 1974 by Robin Furneaux

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...: Masses do not change spots and they come to write church music. So Rossini's *Messa di Gloria*, recently discovered by conductor Herbert Handke, written in 1820 in the middle of a composer's operatic heyday, sprang enough in full of florid writing for the soloists and James that would not seem out of place in *Bartorelli*. These arias are sections, alternating with vocal ones where the writing is much closer to that of Haydn or Beethoven than to that of Rossini's comic operas, as though he was aspiring to more sacred things, but high spirits are on breaking in.

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When the fresh air hits you . . .

asil Boothroyd
 sparkling morning last
 when it was bliss even
 as fixing back the lawn
 or chain. I looked up to
 a man in a brown suit
 ing me. He carried the
 nure of a minor and
 nence sect, and ex-
 dence that his discus-
 ion for the month was
 happens to us after we
 dead.
 one of my business if his
 ng was hopeless. I could
 recommended him to
 e back in a thunder
 m. Just after the house
 been struck would be a
 I think. Instead I offered
 a beaker full of the
 n south, or more pre-
 Yugoslav riesling. He
 a momentary struggle
 the forces of darkness
 then sat down on a
 step and joined me. I
 nether he would have
 farther, into a whisky
 n, who can say? What
 erty certain, if you ask
 it that he would not
 touched any of them if
 had been inside the
 . Thank you, sir, no
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 k looks better by sun-
 Exposure to nature's
 nce and joy takes the
 us of it, for those who
 there is any vice in it,
 r true bonzer, if you
 know, does not sit
 i in gardens putting
 tuff away. With the
 and bees hard at it,
 tv roses that have not
 is smell processed out

of them vying subtly with
 the angustura, conditions are
 all wrong for the drinker's
 drinker.
 They are not always right,
 course, for you and me,
 moderate though we are. We
 have this romantic delusion:
 come the summer, we have
 drinks in the garden. But
 the temperate climate
 sounds more cooperative
 than it is, and if I got six
 drinks in the garden last
 summer I should be sur-
 prised.
 You have to be quick.
 There are people who never
 get a drink in the garden at
 all. Too keen on making a
 big production of the thing.
 When, with the bottles,
 glasses and iced buckets, nib-
 bles and swizzlers, fishing
 out the garden chairs from
 the tangle of fruit netting,
 trying to remember what
 you made the hole with out
 the spider-packed striped
 umbrella, and sunglasses,
 n, who might as well have
 the newspapers, which some-
 one has taken to pieces and
 put together again with page
 23 following page 10—a fine
 thing, just as the wind is
 getting up and the large
 drops begin to fall . . .
 Six times, with this lot?
 You have got to be joking.
 Pour the stuff in the house
 is the only way, and get out
 and sink it before the
 weather breaks.
 You can make an excep-
 tion for parties, and you
 might bring off one of those,
 with luck. It is the summer
 thing, after all. Although

there are summer drinkers,
 it is true, and not even of
 the over-dedicated kind, who
 still prefer dim interiors,
 certainly in those one-candle
 power United States bars,
 where you can stumble in
 from a blazing high noon
 and, suddenly blinded, sit on
 a girl.
 Myself, I regard June to
 September as the outdoor
 drinking season. At least
 notionally. This is what
 distinguishes it from the rest
 of the drinking year, more
 sharply than any considera-
 tion of what drinks are
 drunk. The indoor guest will
 dicker between the professed
 bottles until you feel you
 cannot squat down—or I
 cannot, perhaps you have
 better arrangements—by the
 sideboard any longer.
 Outside, you can shove
 anything into his hand, even
 a ladleful of the dreaded
 fruit cup, and his job is
 complete. And quietly. Out-
 door drinkers, as a class, do
 not slug, fall down or start
 fights.
 Strange. Perhaps it is the
 diluting effect of oxygen,
 although the theory is
 to think goes the other way.
 He was fine, officer, drink-
 ing all night in the song and
 as sober as a judge, but when
 the fresh air hit him . . .
 and we got out to reflect
 that those baking holiday
 sunspots, where it is summer
 nearly the whole year round,
 are so often in countries
 where the ranks lurk up the
 side streets, alert for any
 rattle of gun fire and other

familiar sounds of govern-
 ments on the trolley.
 Personally, if I were avail-
 able for permanent basking
 amid that forest of che-
 quered table cloths in Con-
 stitution Square, which
 seems to be the enviable lot
 of countless Athenians, I
 should need many an ouzo
 before I sprang up shouting
 subversive slogans, however
 admirable and courageous.
 Not that I can ever get
 many an ouzo, or even many
 a beer, brandy or Punt e
 Mes, at those holiday tables
 under the trees. Or even
 any. This is because I have a
 cowardly distaste for sum-
 mering the help by hand-
 clasp. I could clap, I like to
 think, for dancing girls,
 given the necessary status.
 Not, somehow, for waiters.
 And it is no good calling:
 you are drowned out by the
 clatter of the backgammon.
 It was down by the bar-
 hour at Ayios Nikolaos that I
 came near to dying of thirst.
 (Oh, yes, long before those
 damned Lotus Eaters found
 Crete and blabbed it to the
 world in living colour.)
 Luckily a local customer
 some tables off spotted my
 difficulty, handclapped on
 my behalf and sent me a
 running waiter. Thanking
 my rescuer, I then saw that
 he was the terrace waiter
 from my own hotel.
 And I suppose if I were a
 waiter, even in a place where
 it is summer nearly all the
 year round, I could easily
 think of worse ways to spend
 my day off.

The move is towards lighter, drier wines

Margaret Costa
 wites s'attendant long-
 temps . . .
 u à glace, des cirons
 ne ne parlait plus
 avant plus un soufflé
 dans l'air
 Blaise Cendrars
 must have been drink-
 ing wine—but what
 nouns were doing there
 or know. White wines
 old partner summer
 well, they make the
 peritif before it, and
 drinking through a
 hazy summer's day.
 we meals, sherry is still
 ne that we prefer, but
 voice is changing, with
 lual shift towards the
 , drier wines. And in
 rains more and more
 are ordering, even
 log, these delicate,
 al strength" wines to
 ved and chilled in the
 h manner; lightly
 , of course, for like all
 wines, if they are
 illed their bouquet
 (rouver will be stumped,
 o reappear.
 au, an old-established
 house, have had a
 deal of success over
 just three years with
 beautiful Dry Lustau
 of dry sherries—fino,
 illa and dry oloroso.
 r manzanilla (about
 r bottle) and Garvey's
 dia are the two most
 to remind you of man-
 drunk out of doors at
 ar while eating those
 eavily delicious and
 sive langostinos; their
 ates with Garvey's San
 io and La Riva's Tres
 s and, at about £1.60,
 other less than either.
 p. light, appetizing,
 wines put you in the
 mood for eating, even
 the temperature snags,
 s a pick-me-up on a
 oining day oozing
 oi a dry virgin mar-
 rved really cold. It

packs something of the
 punch of a dry martini but
 leaves the taste buds intact,
 and even alerted by its un-
 expected depth of flavour.
 (Eindlater's have Ingham's
 Virgin Marsala at £13.75 a
 case, £1.45 a bottle)
 But for people only
 the delicacy of a young
 moselle can match the frag-
 ile sweetness of an English
 summer's day. Peter Dom-
 pnic have a Mozel-Spezial
 that, at £1.32 for a litre,
 heavy and rich but quav-
 ering wine. Dolamore have a
 beautiful 1972 moselle, their
 Patrierweilo at only £14.12
 a case; £1.16 a bottle, and a
 delicate wine in litre bot-
 tles, a 1972 Zeller Schnep-
 fenflug, also delightfully
 young and refreshing, a
 joyful wine that would give
 an illusion of summer on the
 dreariest day (£16.76 a case,
 £1.50 a bottle).
 At Mayors' Sworder (50
 Cannon Street, EC4) they
 have a rival to it in their
 litre bottle of Edelzwicker
 (£15.62 a case). Edelzwicker,
 a blend of the "oolber"
 grapes of Alsace, is rounder
 and fuller than, say, a fresh
 young sylvaner. It is very
 pleasant to drink on its own
 but is seen at its best with
 all the rich food that is
 customarily best partocered
 by Alsatian wines: pâté,
 smoked salmon, ham in a
 cream sauce, a creamy
 quiche, dressed crab, cold
 chicken with mayonnaise . . .
 all the easy summer dishes . . .
 Wines from the Loire are
 a natural choice for summer.
 The 1972 wines, with their
 high level of acidity, now
 pleasantly mellowed in
 bottle, can still be sharp
 when drunk alone but they
 are delicious with summer
 food provided that it is not
 too rich—trout, salmon
 trout, all kinds of sea food
 and shellfish especially.
 A good muscadet, *tiré sur
 lie*, with its faint pétillance,
 mine felt than seen, dry as a

bone but grapey and frag-
 rant, is at present the fash-
 ionable restaurant choice.
 "Parkinzo", Château de la
 Nôé (£19.14 a case) and
 Mayor Sworder's Domaine
 de la Hautiera (£18.48) are
 particularly good examples.
 Muscadet is going up in
 price—like Sancerre and
 Pouilly Fumé before it but it
 still represents excellent
 value.
 Heavier, richer dishes
 demand a wine not in itself
 heavy and rich but rounder
 and firmer than it is in the
 nature of a Loire wine to
 be—and that means a white
 burgundy. Not necessarily a
 great wine with an expensive
 name; the pleasant infir-
 mality of summer meals,
 often eaten al fresco, makes a
 modest choice often more
 appropriate.
 Roast birds, veal and pork,
 sautés of chicken and veal,
 rich and spicy dishes, goats
 cheeses and cream cheese all
 seem to me well matched
 with light, fresh wines that
 still have something sturdy
 about them like the pillars
 of the little Romanesque
 churches of Burgundy.
 These are wines that sup-
 port a "proper meal" with-
 out trying to outshine it. A
 Macon Fuisse, for instance,
 grapey but dry (Corney &
 Barrow, £1.26 a bottle), a St
 Véran, or more high-flying,
 Joseph Faiveley's remark-
 able sappy Rully (J. B. Rey-
 nier, £17.70 a case) and a
 deceiving, domaine-bottled
 Bourgogne, Aligote 1972
 from Bernard Morey; de-
 ceiving in that under this
 unexciting name you get a
 wine with something of the
 soft, round richness of a
 Menusault (Dolamore, £16.74
 a case, £1.69 a bottle).
 Delicious, very recent,
 newcomers from Italy also
 make good summer drink-
 ing. From Sicily, Regaleali's
 name like a peal of bells and
 a wine, to match, clean,
 austere and exhilarating like

cold spring water. From the
 Collio Gorizia area on the
 Yugoslav border: four
 golden, mouth-filling wines
 from the Comi Artems—a
 Pinot Grigio, a Tocai, a Mal-
 vasia and a Riesling Italic; each
 striking a mellow note,
 each with so idiosyncratic
 seasonal character.
 The Pinot Grigio that
 makes such wonderful wines
 in the north-east corner of
 Italy excels as an aperitif;
 the others are recommended
 with fish and chicken, with
 pasta and risotto. (All these
 wines at about £14 a case
 from Stonehenge Wines,
 Grayshott Road, Headley
 Down, Bordon, Hampshire.)
 For summer, too, the
 "pretty pink wines" as Ray-
 mond Postgate used de-
 fiantly to call them. Noce
 will ever take the place of
 the all-conquering Mateus,
 but among the more robust
 rosés, higher in alcohol and
 more suitable for drinking
 first place to the Pinot d'Al-
 sace (Mayor Sworder, £17.40
 a case).
 It is most beautifully
 coloured: is it a light red or
 a dark rose? No matter, it
 partners all the dishes that
 are usually accompanied by
 the lesser white burgun-
 dies—creditably, even with
 panache. Another is a more
 delicate and tender wine,
 Henri Maire's Cendre de
 Novembre (Mayor Sworder
 £1.08) the *vin gris* of
 the Jura.
 And the exquisite white
 dessert wines, when are they
 more appropriate than when
 the light fades at the end of
 a summer meal?
 With summer fruit I prefer
 a moselle or the gentle-
 wines of the Loire, fresh and
 faintly sweet, scented but
 never cloying. A perfect ex-
 ample is the Chateau des
 Gaillards 1964 from the tin-
 name like a peal of bells and
 more, £28.91 a case, £2.63 a
 bottle).

Campari in Paradise

*When you have sipped, muffled, drank
 Of something so marvellous
 You'll find it in the coils
 Of the bottle, and in the
 Then you'll be drinking his thirst
 He'll be drinking him immersed
 In Campari with soda and ice
 He can head, he can stretch,
 But the desperate wrecks
 Can never quite drink it. Yes, nice.
 All at once, in a glide
 Bear it, sweet, to the side
 Campari, Campari, how could you be so
 Oh, yes, Oh, yes, yes
 Why there's only one place
 For Campari, and that's Paradise*

Serve cool, fresh reds and forget that 'heady' tag when the sun shines

by Pamela Vandye Price

The devotee of claret and red burgundy will drink these classic wines all the year round without hesitation. But as the term summer in Britain can imply sultry weather rather than high temperatures, it is fair to suggest that the sort of clarets and red burgundies that are attractive partners to many meals taken in this kind of season are those that charm rather than astound, that appeal rather than impress: among clarets, the St Juliens, Francsac, Pomerol and, as far as the lighter years are concerned, the red Graves. If it is still possible to find the 1962s, or even the 1960s, these are the delectable clarets for summer

drinking, but falling them, the 1967s are generally enjoyable or perhaps the 1964s as far as the Graves are concerned. The more important red burgundies, and the dishes to which they are complementary are certainly those that seem more enjoyable in cold weather, so in spring and summer, the crisper, "moreish" southern burgundies, such as those of Savigny, Msrucurey, and the red macons are to be savoured. These wines, too, now come into their own as admirable undistorted small-scale burgundies, quite distinct from the souped-up, over-scented, treacly examples of what are sometimes offered as the finer wines of the Côte d'Or, and those who

truly know and love Burgundy can appreciate their straightforward, supple style and delicate charm. There are also some off-beat examples of wines such as the red Chassagne-Montrachet, Clos St Jean, a red wine from a predominantly white wine area, which are fairly described as "summer burgundies" on account of their elegant nature. A certain freshness is desirable for wines drunk in warm weather and I would emphasize the undesirable tendency of the British, and British restaurants, to warm many red wines that are more enjoyable when drunk at the sort of temperature they would be when brought from a cool cellar in their homelands. Young Beaujolais, of course, is traditionally

served chilled, but the red wines of the Loire are also at their best when they enter the most deliciously cool rather than at the temperature of soup. The slightly high acidity of the red Loire wines, together with the style of the cabernet franc, the black grape from which they are made, makes them both fragrant and fresh: it is said that the wines of Chinon possess a fine bouquet of Bourgeuil and St Nicolas de Bourgeuil, a type of "tamped down" bourru character. On their home ground, these wines may well be served with salmon or other fatty fish, as well as with mild, cold or hot chicken dishes and pork, which is eaten all the year round in France. If a summer meal is replete with spices and herbs, with an oil-enriched salad,

then the less important red wines are also excellent. So are the red wines from the Rioja region of Spain, which, on account of their slightly earthy character are admirable with dishes that combine meat and fish or that are based on savoury rice or pasta in any form. Southern roses from these regions, and from any of the Mediterranean wine countries, are also good for this type of meal and for the more substantial sort of picnic or barbecue. Their slight toughness enables them to withstand the competition of strong seasonings and flavourings such as garlic, onions and tomato concentrates. Pink wines are not, in my view, the inevitable "winea in doubt" choice, because many of them are of such indeterminate character that they vaguely well-flavoured

dish swamps the taste of the wine. But roses from hot countries, including, of course, the most famous of all, those from the bottom of the Rhône Valley, with their delicate vaipol-cella and crisp, flowery bouquet, are also good for reasonably chilled, good with casual foods. The roses of Greece are all more robust than those from further north and can accompany salads. Italian wines, now making a great impression on the British market, are very much the summer choices for many dishes, in addition to the obvious pasta, pizza, and risotto. The character of the fresh character of many of the red wines from the north of Italy makes them excellent drinking partners even with fish, which they might well be drunk on their home ground. Trigno-

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Though prices rise sparkling rivals could enhance champagne's appeal



Ships, brides and babies are launched into a new life with it; Lord Chesterfield roasted lovely limbs in champagne; it is Sinatra and Chevalier immortalized in lulling tunes. Champagne, incomparable companion of celebration and joy, is still the world's most glamorous wine despite its price and the millions its competitors spend in publicizing their rival charms. Last year the astonishing total of 10,346,850 bottles were shipped to Britain—27 per cent more than the previous year—and a figure unsurpassed since the golden age of its consumption in Edwardian days. It is more amazing in view of Britain's recurring economic crises, and the series of price increases that have brought the cost of an average bottle of non-vintage up to between £3.30 and £4.50. By careful searching, buying by the dozen or more, or beating cut price shops, you can still find a decent bottle for under £3, but the brand may not be your favourite. In London recently I talked to M André Rouzaud,

general manager of Louis Roederer, who told me: "Despite last year's very abundant crop, the growers demanded—and received—an increase of 26 per cent on the price of grapes. That was absurd." Since it takes two kilos to make each bottle of Grande Marque quality, this meant that at 9.50 francs a kilo, the grapes alone cost about £1.70. Overheads in champagne production are higher than those for nearly all other wines, involving more than 100 processes by hand or machine before it is ready to sell, and usually at least three years, often more, to mature. Patrick Forbes, London managing director of Moët & Chandon, the biggest producers of all, commented: "We hope that prices have reached a ceiling, and we shall now enjoy a period of stability." This optimism, shared by his fellow shippers, is based on the fact that last year's abundant vintage did much to replenish dangerously diminished stocks of wine. How do they view the increasingly successful competition from other sparkling

wines? "The more people who drink them, the better", Patrick Forbes says. "Many are bound to become champagne customers eventually." The past year's economic gloom adversely affected luxury champagne devotees determined to carry on drinking to dispel it, and the sales of de luxe champagnes show little decline. These wines like Moët's Perignon, Taittinger's Blanc de Blancs (which James Bond used to quaff); Bollinger's rare RD (older vintages recently disgorged); Heidsieck's Diamant; Charles Heidsieck's Royale; Taittinger's exceptional de-icate Blanc de Blancs; Pol Roger Chardonnay; and Krug. They cost between £6.50 and £9 a bottle, and as the old French vigneron sometimes observe: "Like any good wine, they are bought by the rich and drunk by the poor." There are certain wine snobs—they still abound in all age groups—who affect to despise champagne as unworthy of their status, but in its own right. Now that it costs as much as a fine hock,

possibly drink with any rather rich pâté or selection of cold meats that may be high in fat. This wine should certainly be served cool, as should any of the red Portuguese vinhos verdes (vinho verde is white or red, never pink) although for these you will have to go to Portugal and, ideally, drink this type of pétillan red wine in the Minho region itself. The red wines of Greece and Cyprus have recently become popular outside the restaurants specializing in the food of those countries. Robust and uncomplicated, they partner salads and anything containing oil and garlic or onions, which can swamp many more delicate wines. If, however, you prefer something slightly more delicate than these or the North African reds, such as those from Tunis, Mor-

occo or Algeria, which are excellent with rice-based dishes, then there are wines from Yugoslavia, Hungary and Romania, slightly lighter in style, with a lean, haughty and adequate full flavour. There is still a belief that red wines are "heady" or "heavy". In most instances the alcoholic content is a tad on the label in terms of percentage of alcohol volume. Wines from hot countries are often slightly higher in strength than those from north vineyards, many attain 13.5°. Unless you are in a habit of swigging your wine regardless, however, this something that need concern you. For many Brits a wine that is about 11.5° will seem somewhat higher proportioned than a higher in strength.

than bring out those precious and brutal gold swisks to destroy the cream which so much loving craftsmanship has created. During the past months, shippers of sparkling wines from many countries, as well as producers of British bestsellers including Babycham, Mousseux, and Champagne Nature, the still on record sales. The fore field was led by the fore groupy Asti Spumante finally. These were overtaken recently in popularity by tidal wave of French sparkling wine, fed by the very li and blend Veuve du Ver and Kruter, in both dry and demi-sec versions. With champagne's so price increase, many people who would have ordered greater fullness, and very without question for w dings and other large part can no longer afford it, seek cheaper alternatives. New sparklers are lauded on the market nearly every week now. Some are d cious, others dull, with the message for the world: few are, frankly, repulsive.



Using vintelles from the Vallée d'Agly, red grapes from the Cotes de Roussillon, a secret infusion of fine herbs, macerated, aged in vast oak casks in the heart of France, and finally called Dubonnet... Dubonnet Sil vous plait

Going overboard—for a drop of the soft stuff

The British may be a nation of beer drinkers, but they have an equally insatiable thirst for soft drinks. So much so that the soft drinks market increased by £50m last year to a record £400m. This year the market is expected to be worth nearly £40m. Nothing promotes the sales of squashes, colas, fruit juices and the rest like a good summer. Last year the country enjoyed exceptionally fine weather for long periods, and this more than anything pushed up sales. This year the manufacturers are studying the long-range weather forecasts and, like the rest of us, hoping for a repeat performance. Not even in the early part of this year, against all expectations, sales showed little signs of slackening off, indicating that other factors are at work. Chief among these appears to be the high level of disposable income, and in spite of wide spread economic difficulties, and record levels of advertising and promotional support by the major soft drinks manufacturers. Sales last year were aided by the removal of purchase tax on soft drinks, but even in the pub trade, where this advantage was largely lost by VAT rating, nothing

could stop expanding sales. Now that prices have returned to previous levels, the manufacturers believe this will promote a return to a high rate of growth instead of an almost excessive one. The most successful single soft drink by far continues to be cola, which accounts for almost a quarter of total sales, and is valued at more than £125m a year. The market is dominated by two giants, with Coca-Cola claiming two thirds of the total, and Pepsi-Cola, marketed in Britain by Schweppes, claiming the other third. It has been said that it takes a genius to sell Pepsi against such stiff opposition. Both brands have in fact benefited greatly by the recent increase in popularity of white spirits like rum and vodka, with the Cuba Libre, discovered by thousands of Mediterranean package holiday, becoming a highly popular drink at home. One of the highest tonics for cola has been for some time, was reported to be 150 per cent up in the first three months of this year compared with the same period in 1973. A long way behind cola come fruit squashes, accounting for sales of about £28m a year, with Robinson's Barley Water leading the field. Robinson, part of Reckitt & Colman's food

division, is one of the few squash manufacturers still indulging in heavy "above-the-line" advertising expenditure believing, apparently on good reason, that it works. All the others have largely abandoned such heavy expenditure, doubting its effectiveness, and are looking for new avenues of promotion. Beyond the cola, although squashes are drunk mostly by children, they are bought by mothers, manufacturers are attempting now to promote the wholesomeness of fruit squashes, in some cases, by adding vitamins, such as Vitamin C. The soft drinks manufacturers only rarely come up with a genuinely new product. Until a new fruit is invented, they can do little more than tinker with their other established flavours. One notable exception is on oranges, lemons and the Cresta, a frothy fruit drink of milky texture which is unique in that its marketing campaign has been specifically aimed at children. The drink was introduced three years ago, in five flavours, and is not unlike an instant milk shake. With heavy advertising support, aided by a pole position sunglasses which declares: "It's frothy, man", it has carved out for itself a £3m market, which its manufac-

turers consider highly successful. One of the largest single sectors of the soft drinks market is in mixers, which account for about £60m in sales each year. Bitter lemon, however, which began life as an additive for gin, has become a popular drink in its own right, and Schweppes claim that 60 per cent of their brand of bitter lemon is now drunk straight. But fruit-based drinks which come out of bottles are only one part, albeit the biggest, of the soft drinks market. The biggest single soft drink in Britain, hanging on to its position at the top of the league by a mere hairsbreadth, is still tea. Tea has been on the decline for some years; the average consumption for every person over the age of 10 has dropped from five cups a day to four and a half over the past three years, mainly because of the rapid growth of instant coffee. Nearly one third of tea is now sold in bags, and the major tea importers expect the figure to rise to one half by the end of the decade. The retail tea market is now worth £120m annually, with the balance going to catering. Tea has so far had a limited appeal as a cold drink, but the Tea Council has come up with some in-

entive and surprising recipes to change that. One suggested recipe is for tea cola, which involves filling a tall drinks is the gradually growing popularity of pure fruit juice, many of them in half filling with tea, and topping up with Coke or Pepsi. Add a teaspoonful of lemon or lime juice, and garnish with mint: serve with straw. The possibilities are endless: include cherry, redcurrant sorbet; tea, lemonade and orange, black orange juice; tea, beaten egg and ginger-beer; or tea and bitter lemon. Of course, gaining some acceptance there is the added advantage that used tea leaves are a good for roses. One other trend in drinks is the gradually growing popularity of pure fruit juice, many of them in half filling with tea, and topping up with Coke or Pepsi. Add a teaspoonful of lemon or lime juice, and garnish with mint: serve with straw. 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Canals offer carefree travel on the vineyard trail

by Joyce Rackham

Robert Louis Stevenson did some of his most celebrated vineyard travels with a donkey: in the Chianti region I was invited to hire a horse on which to traverse the vines. I declined, but would have been rampt by a trip in a horse-drawn caravan—perhaps some enterprising tour operator will arrange this for clients longing for something unusual.

You can travel in highly organized—but rather costly—comfort through the Rhine and Moselle vineyards by steamer, but the most relaxing visit I made to the vines was dawdling along the canals of Burgundy on Palinurus, a converted barge with French chef and well-stocked cellar. While some passengers jumped on to bicycles when we reached an interesting lock, others preferred to taste the *vin du pays* in the nearest café, walking smartly on to catch the boat a few locks away.

Palinurus cruises, organized by Continental Waterways, 22 Hans Place, London, SW1, usually include visits to vineyards and cellars in Burgundy, one of France's most welcoming wine districts.

There are some lovely stretches of canal in the Marne, passing through the Champagne country, an oasis of peace even in high summer—away from the Route Nationale.

Many people driving to and from the Channel ports do not realize what an easy and delightful detour they can make, either to Epernay or Rheims, where some of the leading champagne houses are well equipped to receive imprudent visitors.

In Epernay, the largest of them all and historically one of the most interesting, is Moët & Chandon, where you can see just a fraction of their 18 miles of cellars, and the fascinating sequence of processes, involving intricate manual skills and craftsmanship, by which the delectable product is made. Also in Epernay are Mercier (who take visitors round in a little train), Pol Roger and Perrier Jouët.

You can stay in the area in some charming small suburbs, like the Cheval Blanc at Sept-Saulx, and a few miles out, at Pessone, you

in the more luxurious Berceaux at Epernay or the Royal Champagne in Reims—without introducing you—can visit the cellars of Taittinger, Pommery, Moët & Chandon.

Drive through the vines as directed by the signposts marked Route de Champagne, savouring the exquisite, unconscious humour of some of the village names, like Dixy, Rizly and Bouzy (home of the area's finest red wine).

Alsace, a region of great beauty and villages of fairy tale architecture, tends to be neglected by the British; all the more reason to go, if you like to avoid competitors abroad. "La Route du Vin d'Alsace" begins near Strasbourg, and the great medieval city should not be missed. Wine lovers should Debits du Vin, or Winstrub—a cosy form of wine bar, and eat one memorable meal in the fifteenth-century Kammerzell restaurant opposite the cathedral.

Riquewih is just one of the main street lined with cellars, producers' homes, and offices, interspersed with cafés and restaurants; less commercialized but quite beautiful are Eguisheim, Mittelbergheim, and Kayersberg (Schweizer's birthplace). Colmar, the region's wine capital, has a fine museum and glorious architecture; in August it holds one of Europe's liveliest wine fairs.

André Simon once wrote: "One could easily drink wine twice a day for 365 consecutive days, and have a different French wine every time." The French National Tourist Office, 178 Piccadilly, London, W1, has issued a *Wine for Wine*, a leaflet listing details of all the regions, with useful addresses for tastings, and a calendar of wine fairs.

Italy, from top to toe, is rich in wine country, and much more interesting to connoisseurs now that the new wine laws are enforcing higher standards of quality and encouraging producers to respect the individuality of their regional products.

Turin, capital of Piedmont, is an ancient and graceful city which too many tourists rush through on their way south. It is both the automobile capital and the vermouth capital. Carrann is made there. A few miles out, at Pessone, you

can visit the excellently arranged Martini Museum (and their cellars).

There are the fine Cinzano cellars at Sema, Victoria D'Alba, where their restaurant, the Mosca, merits a detour. In Turin you can find the best wine and food, in eighteenth-century surroundings, in the Cambin or the Villa Sassi restaurant.

From Piedmont's vineyards come the noble red wines of Barolo, Barbera, and Barberesco, and the Barolo wine road starts at Alba, where the Chevaliers of the Truffle and Wines celebrate at a great fair in October (white truffles are the speciality). There is a splendid wine centre—the Enoteca Cavour (named after their native son, who once lived there) in the ancient Castello di Grinzane, four miles from Alba.

In Florence you can taste both local wines and a wide range from all Italy in the new Enoteca Nazionale, via Giubellina 87, where the basement of this restored palazzo has become the most glamorous wine market I have seen; the ground floor has a tasting bar and restaurant.

If you want a brief respite from study of the art treasures of Florence, throughout the summer the tourist office arranges afternoon drives to the leading Chianti wine estates, with special tastings. Farther south in Siena's former Medici fortress, is Italy's most comprehensive wine museum, the Enoteca, with a choice of more than 400 varieties—by the glass or bottle.

An hour's drive from Siena is Montalcino, home of Brunello, one of Italy's best red wines. The Fattoria dei Barbi is famous for these. You can tour their cellars, and taste their products (which include home-cured ham and salamis) in their taverna.

Spain's wealth of wines ranges from the sharp, slightly sparkling Basque Txacoli to the incomparable varieties of sherry from Jerez, Puerto de Santa Maria and the marmalades of Sanlúcar. The Jerez vintage festa is probably one of the most memorable and hospitable in all the wine countries. The northern region of Rioja, easily accessible from Bilbao, Pamplona or Burgos, produces most remarkable red wines, is unspoilt, and best visited in high summer when the south is so hot.



Aging vats for Ruffino Chianti, dating from 1881.

In the extractive old town and wine centre of Haro, east of El Terete—superb meat, outstanding house wines—visit the extensive and impressive Bodegas Bilbainas, and see El Cinesario, a museum of old wines in Tondonia's cellars.

From October until April Swedish Lloyd organize wine cruises lasting five days, priced from £40, which include a tour there, and a night in Logrono's comfortable Hotel Carlton Rioja. Otherwise, stay, or eat, in the Parador de Santo Domingo de la Calzada or the Hotel Samiegn in Logroño.

Jerez is one of my favourite wine places, and you can combine a lazy seaside holiday with education in wine in the bodegas; the sea is only 20 minutes' drive away. Clarksons, who pioneered short wine-tastings in France and Germany, have added their first trip to Seville and Jerez to their autumn programme. It costs from £43 for three nights—a bargain; the cheapest air fare to Seville is more than £74 return. Their trip to Portugal's delightful Douro and Minho vineyards costs from about £40.

"Must we drink red wine?" is the plaintive cry of many Britons bound for Greece. The vineyards there produce wines of extraordinary variety, and when Byron lifted high his cup of Saronian wine, it was certainly not flavoured with pine resin. The verdant Aegean island of Samos, still a happily undeveloped place for holidays, produces both the luscious Muscat, decent dry white, and palatable red. In Rhodes, the Cair cellars are worth visiting; they make nice dry white and red wines, and one of the few drinkable sparklers in the eastern Mediterranean.

In the Ionian islands the still unspoilt pleasures of staying on Zakynthos and Cephalonia include good wines—from the first, the golden amber Verdea is rather heady, best as an aperitif, although locals count it at any time. Count Comouno, who runs an old family firm, welcomes visitors in impeccable English. Cephalonia produces the elegant dry white Robola.

In Macedonia the finest red comes from the mountain vineyards of Naoussa, about two hours' drive from Salonika; Boutaris make the best. From Athens, it takes half an hour to drive to Kozani, to see the lovely vineyards of Atzica, where the big houses of Cambas have their cellars. Visits can be arranged through their export office (tel.: Athens 3247.877).

AUSTRIA: Village vintage fairs in September and October. Eisenstadt (Burgenland), wine week in late August. Krems: wine fair in May. Lenz Moser's cellars at Rottendorf receive visitors. CYPRUS: late September: Limassol wine fair. The main wineries, Keo, Sodap and Etku, welcome visitors. GERMANY: Koblentz, opens a "wine village" from June to late October. Every village holds a festival usually August or September. Further details from the German Tourist Office, 61 Conduit Street, W1.

ITALY: most wine festivals are held at vintage time—late September and early October. Notable are: Bardolino and Soave (Veneto); Impruneta (Chianti); Asti, Alba, Gattinara (Piedmont). The Wine Lovers' Association, 118 Bishops Mansions, Bishops Park Road, London, SW8, organizes short holidays in wine districts during the autumn. Details from Italian Tourist Office, Regent Street, London W1, or ICE, 20 Savile Row, London W1.

FRANCE: too numerous to list—see *Tima for Wine* issued by their tourist office.

GREECE: Athens: at Daphni, wine festival July 1-Sept 30. Rhodes: same dates. Crete: Réthimnon—July 18-31.

PORTUGAL: informal village fiestas at vintage time; check with local tourist offices. In Oporto, many of the port lodges welcome visitors. In Vila Real (Douro) the palace of Mateus, and the winery, are open. In Lisbon, part tasting at Solar do Vinho do Porto.

SPAIN: Sept 5-9; Jerez, Sept: Haro (Rioja) "Battle of Wine"; Sept 20-27; Logroño wine fair.

SWITZERLAND: lots of lively vintage festivals, usually in late September, early October. The Comptoir fairs held in Lausanne and Marigny in September have wine pavilions.

YUGOSLAVIA: Aug 30-Sept 6: Ljubiana Wine Fair.

VINEYARD VISITS: Peter Dominic & Gilbey Vintners, 27 East St, Chichester, Sussex, issue free introductory cards on application for visits to cellars and distilleries of firms they represent in seven countries abroad, and in Scotland.

WINE MUSEUM: Harveys, Denmark Street, Bristol, is open to visitors on weekdays.

BRITISH WINES: The English Vineyards Association, c/o Merrydown Winery, Horam, Sussex, will advise on those open to visitors in the summer.

Mixing it with the best of the

by Alan Hamilton

Leading medical authorities agree that one of the principal causes of heart failure among Scotsmen is the sight of Englishmen adulterating the finer products of the Highland glens with brown fizzy liquid from small bottles. There is only one mixer for good whisky and it is piped to every home.

No one in his right mind would order a 15-year-old Glenlivet single malt and a bottle of ginger ale. But at the same time he who takes his gin straight from the bottle must have an unhealthy desperation to need to unassisted the faculties, not to mention a stomach of galvanized iron.

There is, in other words, a proper place for mixers, and it is a place that is growing at a remarkable rate; sales of mixers, by which is chiefly meant tonic water, bitter lemon and two kinds of ginger ale, increased by 14 per cent last year and now constitute an annual

market in excess of £50m, out of a total soft drinks market of £500m.

To save further courtesies north of the border, it must be emphasized that this growth does not indicate the sudden popularity of Glenlivet and bitter lemon in the South. It comes largely from the rapid growth of white spirits. These should not be confused with the fizzy sold at farmhouses for removing paint, which does not go well with any mixers; they are chiefly gin, vodka and white rum, the so-called "immature" spirits which were it not for the Customs and Excise, you could distil in the kitchen at breakfast time and serve to your guests for lunch—at least in theory.

This growth of white spirits has been of particular benefit to tonic water, as vodka and tonic has become an increasingly popular drink, especially with the young. Last year's exceptionally good summer provided an additional fillip to mixer sales, with more people eating and drinking out and preferring longer, cooler drinks. The zero-rating of soft drinks under VAT helped too, knocking 5p or 1p off mixer prices.

Forecasting these various trends encouraging the mixer field, was persuaded to increase spending on its mixer advertising last year by 50 per cent, seemingly to good effect. Sales in the early part of this year show an sign of slackening, and it is clear that in spite of current economic difficulties there is an shortage of spending money.

The recent 20p duty increase on a bottle of spirits is likely only to slow marginally the growth of all spirit sales, and white spirits in particular. And the mixer makers take the optimistic view that every time the price of a gin creeps up, the more tonic is tipped into it to make it last longer.

Although tonic water, one-time favorite of old colonialists for keeping malaria at bay, remains the most popular mixer of all, it is being run a close second by ginger ale. Traditional ginger ale remains the favourite for those who like a warming mixer with their whisky, but it is now outstripped by the more mellow, American provided free on bar counters. Can American ginger goes not only into whisky, but into

vodka, and appears preferred in the trad product by younger drinkers. In an effort to increase sales still further its facturers have cashed a current trend and introduced a new drink they call Gatsby American. Al explorers may like to note that it is made with a litre of bourbon, a d lime juice, topped n American ginger.

Naturally, not every noisseur of a good will want to adulterate with fiery spirits, lemon in particular. enormous market straight drink, said t and Exise, you could distil high as 60 per cent cost, but not escape. It is a sad but true fact that drink is fa and a fortune was inventor of calc alcohol. Until he does best preventive t next to total abstinence use low-calorie mixer that has not escape ain's estimated 13- weight-watching wou several million men.

The low-calorie market is now worth £5m a year, and about cent of it is b Schweppes with the soft range of tonic lemm and ginger al Stimline range al led its sales last y the growth of this ity has outstripped every other sector of drinks market.

There is a growth especially among cal scious women, to dr line tonic or bitter l's own. This has known to cause th and hopes of male e sink, and has even future facing with o liquor while the powdering her nose.

Such is the growth dimming habit that they are still only sc the surface of the in market.

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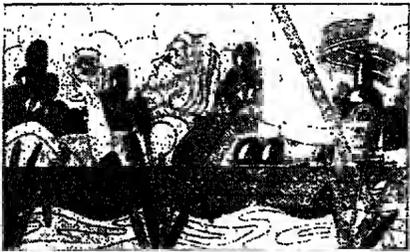
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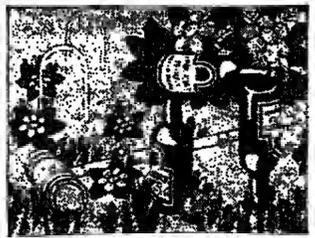
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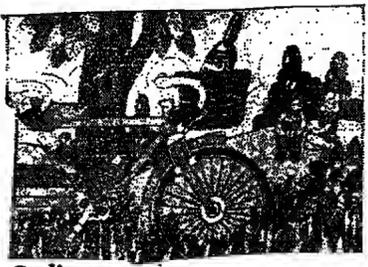
Fishing
To while away the waiting hours in those clear, calm, unknown backwaters... just sip the soothingly satisfying sherry. Cool.



Punting
Lazy afternoons on the Chertwell. Escape the crowds with the subtle quietness of Findlater's Dry Fly Sherry. After tasting its rich mellowness... there's no harm in showing the flag.



Croquet
A few close friends and a bright idea to replace the lost hoop. We're all bad losers, so smooth everything over with the peace-making sherry. Findlater's Dry Fly.



Cycling
Go round and round local lakes. No nicer way to spend glorious summer afternoons. But for those downs that are all uphill... try the bisectually relaxing medium taste.



What else to do?
Take a bottle of Findlater's Dry Fly in one hand, a glass in the other, and begin pouring. See the warm delightful colour. Taste the full medium richness. Now you're in the right frame of mind to ask yourself: "What more could I want?"

DRY FLY, Findlater's Medium Sherry



If you haven't tried it, it's time you did.

Henkell Trocken is sparkling, dry, incredibly like champagne. It's just the job for launching brides, battleships, babies, bank-loans, anything you care to name.

Henkell Trocken—most good wine merchants stock it. But if you have any trouble, Findlater Matta Agencies, Windsor Avenue, Merton Abbey SW19 2SN will be glad to tell you where to get it.



On occasions like this nothing else will do.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SOMETHING IN THE AYR

of Ayr is thick with devotional intentions. In the past two months we met there the Scottish Labour Party, solved that devolution is being and that a directly Scottish Assembly might be the best way of having it; then TUC, which resolved that a good thing would be the best way to have it; and now the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Association has just resolved that a good thing would be the best way to have it...

BROWING THE RHODESIAN GAP

ort that Mr Ian Smith and Muzorewa are at last near agreement in welcome news. It is important that the British Government should consider what it would do if an agreement were reached, and if they were asked to endorse it with the corollary of prompt recognition of Rhodesian independence and negotiations for the removal of sanctions. Had an agreement been reached before the Portuguese coup, the previous government might well have recommended its prompt acceptance on the ground that it met Sir Alec's conditions for a settlement reached between white and black Rhodesians after the verdict. However, Sir Alec never undertook not to scrutinize or modify an agreement, and the question of putting it to a wider test of acceptability was left open.

HIFF OF TAMMANY HALL

our Party's north-east council will be deciding whether to demand a full inquiry into the party's affairs in this area. There is the familiar story that such a broad inquiry into corruption should be held while police investigations are proceeding. But it would in effect leave the police to forget that they must by its very nature investigate all alleged criminal acts. These instances in particular seem to be of a conviction, anxieties that have for a long time surrounded Labour in the north-east are of a more nature. There is the Tammany Hall. That is share the unease of trial and more distant is shown by the success of ward Milne, for so long a campaigner for an election for Blyth in the election after having

David Green report the case of a 23-year-old woman who had remarried a man of the same name and was paid a salary of £55,000 in respect of her former husband. This case highlights the of the recent judicial surrogacy decisions on the practice under which a woman's name is changed to that of her former husband's.

Case for keeping the CIR

From Mr Cyril Smith, Liberal MP for Rochdale. Sir, I was certainly very pleased to see Professor Roberts' letter to the Commission of Industrial Relations in your May 10 issue. There is no doubt that the Commission has been treated shabbily in the present scramble to repeal the 1971 Industrial Relations Act and the bulk of the repeal of the Liberal Party has made it quite clear that it would like to see the CIR retained. In fact at a private meeting held with Mr Foot a few weeks ago I made that point very forcibly. Speaking in the Second Reading debate on the Trade Union and Labour Relations Bill last week I said: "The CIR has done some first-class work. I am sure that every fair-minded Member would want to pay tribute to the excellent work done by Sir Leonard Neal and his colleagues and staff. It is, in our view, a tragedy that their work is to cease and that the expertise which they have built up over the last five years should be so casually and lightly ditched."

Attitudes to wealth tax

From Sir Charles Mott-Radcliffe. Sir, The results of the survey on the wealth tax made for The Times and published on May 13 suggests that if people are asked starchy eyed questions they are apt to give starchy eyed replies. It is, for instance, quite meaningless to refer to incomes before tax in the context of "wealth" if the average taxpayer is about with the latest tax code in their pocket; it is the rake home packet that counts. According to the tax tables:

Table with 2 columns: Earned income, Take home. Rows show income levels from £5,000 to £50,000 and corresponding take-home amounts.

Thus one-third of the poll who you report regard the required level of income to qualify for "wealth" as lying between £5,000 and £10,000 a year and really prefer to be defined by wealth tax rates to gross income of £10,000 and £30,000. These rates of tax alone would seem to constitute a wealth tax.

Violence in Middle East

From Mr Christopher Mayhew, Labour MP for Woolwich East. Sir, On my last visit to the Middle East, in January, I denounced Palestinian terrorism at all my four press conferences and in two television interviews. My remarks were widely quoted in the Arab press and will have been approved, I am sure, by the great majority of the Arabs who read them.

The situation is absurd because damages under the Fatal Accidents Act are only payable upon proof of dependency; the right of a widow to recover all assumes that she was, and would have remained, dependent upon her husband. Unless death of a close relative is to be come a sort of prize-giving in which children and husbands as well as wives are to have the right to claim compensation regardless of dependency, the anomalous position of the widow must be reversed. And if women's lib or others consider this

Attorney General and the judiciary

From Mr Martin McLaren, Conservative MP for Bristol, North-West. Sir, The Attorney General tells us that there is a right to criticize members of the judiciary, and that it is his duty to protect that right in Parliament and outside. Presumably he would wish to see his colleagues exercise the right in the prescribed way, uphill struggle though this may be for him. The hooks of reference show that the conduct of judges cannot be debated in Parliament save upon substantial motion; members then have notice of the motion to be made and a distinct vote of the House may be taken.

Problems of hospital workers

From the Chairman of Brent and Harrow Area Health Authority. Sir, Your leading article of May 14 states clearly the need for a review of the rewards of nurses and of many other categories of staff in the NHS. In particular, it indicates that their deplorable situation stems largely from their high ethical standards which inhibit the use of the market. First, as you say, the fact that, in the past, the statutory responsibility of planning and providing comprehensive health services in their areas, and it is their duty to dispose of their resources—of money, of buildings and equipment, staff—above all, of their dedicated staff—in the best way as to provide for the community the best possible balance of health care. In particular, it is clearly part of the management task of the new AHAs to take such steps as lie within their power to ensure that all the various categories of their staff are rewarded appropriately for the tasks in hand.

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From Mr George B. Northcroft and others. Sir, The general introduction of the Salmon structure into the nursing profession has laid great emphasis on the role of the Administration posts. These have not only increased in number but carry the higher rates of remuneration.

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Army in Northern Ireland

From Mr and Mrs Tony Firth. Sir, "Bring the boys home from Ireland" is undoubtedly a popular cry. It is not, however, a new one, having been implicit since at least the Home Rule controversy. The establishment of a stable Irish state in which a British-orientated Protestant minority could make its place without the aid of British troops, or indeed any troops, has surely been the aim of British governments for over 50 years.

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Forthcoming marriages

Captain J. S. C. Adie and Miss P. H. Langrish... The engagement is announced between...

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE... The Queen arrived in the Royal Train at Moreton-in-Marsh this morning and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Gloucestershire...

Marriages

Mr S. C. Copeman and Miss N. de Costa... The marriage took place on May 14 at St Nicholas's church, Compton...

Reunion

Winston Churchill Memorial Trust... The Prince of Wales extended the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust reunion at the Festival Hall...

Services tomorrow

After Easter... At St Paul's Cathedral... At St Martin-in-the-Fields... At St Dunstons Church...

What's wrong with Roman Catholic music?

By Colin Maundy... The recent liturgical reforms within the Roman Catholic Church present a paradox...

In a largely materialistic age... It is a matter of great importance as to how the Church presents herself...

originality. These men will not be tempted to compose for the liturgy while their work is considered by many to be more exceptional...

Luncheons

Minister of State... Civil Service Department... Mr Robert Sheldon, Minister of State, Civil Service Department...

Reception

Institute of Linguists... Lady Treford, president of the Institute of Linguists, held a reception last night at the Anglo-Belgian Club...

Diners

British Medical Association... A dinner was given last night in the Great Hall of BMA House, London...

Service receptions

The Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment... The annual reception of the Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment Officers' Club held yesterday evening...

Service dinners

Blake Term, RAC Osborne (1974)... The annual dinner of the officers of the 14th (West African) RAC Brigade was held at the Press Club London last night...

Today's engagements

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother... The Queen Mother attended the annual conference of the Royal British Legion...

Tomorrow

Princess Margaret attends a gala concert... Princess Margaret attends a gala concert in connection with the Lilian Baylis Centenary Festival...



Delegat visits Kirk's Archbishop Bruno Heim... The personal envoy of the Pope in Britain (left), speaking with the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland...

Starching behind the two, holding a placard, is Peter Jack Glass, chairman of the Tropicall Century Reformers, who led about half-dozen demonstrators protesting against the visit...



Lord Astor of Hever with the Dean of Canterbury, the Very Rev Ian White-Thomson, before his installation...

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Return of the seneschal to Canterbury

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The major preoccupation of the seneschal at present is an appeal to the House of Lords...

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OBITUARY DR IDA MACALPINE Psychiatrist and historian

Ida Macalpine M.D., P.R.C.P., who died on May 2 at the age of 74, had a rare combination of gifts of intellect, humanity, and strength of character...

MR GEORGE BACKER

Sir Henry P. Vigdor-Goldsmid writes: George Backer, whose death in New York was reported very recently at the age of 71...

DR C. W. CARTER

Dr C. W. Carter who was Honorary Fellow of The Queen's College and Emeritus Reader in Biochemistry in the University of Oxford died on May 7 at the age of 75...

PAUL GONSALVES

Paul Gonsalves, tenor saxophonist of the Duke Ellington Band, has died in London. He was 53...

Church news

Roman Catholic Bishop resigns... Pope Paul has accepted the resignation of Bishop James Cunningham from the see of Hexham and Newcastle on grounds of ill health...

Funeral

Mrs R. M. Barrington... The funeral service for Barrington-Ward took place at St Giles Church on Friday...

Science report

Cancer: Lesson from negative studies

The attitude of many surgeons is summed up by the phrase "If it doesn't come out, it's a loss"...

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Racing

Owen Dudley may be hard pressed

By Michael Phillips

Drifter beat Blenheim at Beverley; and Fanny fellow dead-beated with Tador Rhythm at Sandown Park. All in all, they have given great backing to Owen Dudley's cause.

Three headlamps complex the programme. Traitor missed his race at York on Wednesday because of a bad cold.

straight into my notebook after I had watched him finish third at Newmarket behind Rubric and Quisical. By the time the Guvnor is asked, Quisical may well have won the Munton Stakes.

From Pierre Guillon French Racing Correspondent Paris, May 17

Saint-Martin can ride Nonoalco in Derby

run again before the Prix du Jockey-Club. His trainer, Jean Pierre Foyon changed his mind because he has no horse of sufficient class to work with D'Aras and the colt is growing fast.

There are three English-trained challengers for the Prix de Saint-Georges. Singing, Bede has already beaten D'Aras twice this season at Kempton Park and Newmarket.

Clearly a popular win for Warwick

Riding on his home ground before a crowd of 25,000, many of whom had followed his career since he was riding show ponies, Tony Newbery won the Whiteways Stakes at the Devon County Show on Thursday.

Only one-third of the separated the leading after the dressage phase on Thursday. Miss Moo colleague on her debut as going to see my surgeon about a horse.

Cellini must repel home and foreign rivals

From Our Irish Racing Correspondent Dublin, May 17

The Curragh runners today

3.50 IRISH 1,000 GUINEAS (£19,401 - 1m)

Eldin unseated twice by eventual winner

Douglas Smith, the Newmarket trainer, completed a double at Curragh today when his colt, Darlington, won the Curragh Stakes.

Main races in France this weekend

PRIX CELTAIRE (Group III: 3-y-o: fillies; £9,091 - 1m 21f 5f)

Thirk

2.20 SKEPTON PLATE (2-y-o: 27f 5f)

Hamilton Park programme

6.30 CAMERONIANS STAKES (£428 - 14m)

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Hamilton selections

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Newbury programme

2.0 LONDON GOLD CUP (Handicap: £1,761 - 1m 3f)

Thirk programme

1.0 MAY STAKES (Selling: 3-y-o: £706 - 11m)

Hereford NH

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PERSONAL INVESTMENT AND FINANCE

Grouse

Mrs Barbara Castle, the Secretary of State for Health and Social Services, is emerging as a champion of women's rights.

The inequality of benefits for women in the State Reserve Pension scheme was one of the main reasons for her decision not to let this part of the Social Security Act, 1973, proceed.

There is another area, very much within her jurisdiction, to which she could also turn her attention. This is the discrepancy between the short-term social security benefits paid to single and married women respectively—despite the fact that both pay identical contributions.

A married woman, of course, has the option of paying the reduced 4p national insurance contribution and relying on her husband's contributions to provide for retirement pension.

However, when it comes to receiving the short-term benefits—sickness and unemployment payments—the single woman will receive £7.35 a week while the married woman has to make do with £5.15 a week.

But, apart from the fact that this traditional notion of the man being the primary provider for the family is steadily losing ground—both in respect of actual income as well as public attitudes—there is the other consideration. Why should married women pay as much in national insurance contributions as single women—and receive less for it?

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In fact scores a double first. It is the first unit trust to invest in gilt-edged securities and the first to invest specifically in warrants.

The latter are a form of convertible stock generally added as a sweetener to an issue of loan stock.

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Insurance

New 'protection' difficulties over loans for policyholders

For years, life assurance companies have looked upon it as part of their service to give loans to existing policyholders at modest rates of interest.

But the Consumer Credit Bill and other factors are likely to make borrowing in this way more difficult, and more expensive.

Normally, a life office will provide a loan up to a high proportion of the current surrender value of a policy—although this facility is by no means always available with regular premium unit-linked policies.

Generally, anyone wanting to borrow in this way will receive the cash within, say, a week or a fortnight (depending on the degree of authority which the particular branch happens to have) after banding over the policy, provided there are no charges on it.

The granting of a loan has been a fairly straightforward procedure. But this type of loan will now get caught up in the "protection" given to borrowers and, in many ways, policyholders who want to borrow money will be worse off than in the past.

For a start, there will be much more delay. A prospective borrower will have to be shown copies of the agreement in advance. Furthermore, there will be a seven-day "cooling-off" period.

In other words, the borrower will be able to withdraw within seven days of signing the agreement. This means that he will not actually get the money until a week after he signs—which will be particularly hard on those borrowers who need the money in a hurry and who are fully aware that their insurance company is charging a very fair rate of interest.

The insurance companies will be involved in very much more administration work than in the past—providing copies of agreements in advance, and being obliged on request to give very

full details about the state of the loan (for a ludicrously low fee of 15p).

Somebody will have to pay for this extra administrative work, and it is quite possible that it will be the policyholders themselves—in the form of higher interest rates, or in some other way.

Some life offices are already admitting in private that not only will the interest rate charged rise sharply, but that they might also have to reconsider their attitude to loans. Although it is unlikely that loans will be stopped altogether, companies could drop all reference to them in their sales literature and promotions in an attempt to kill off demand this way.

It can be argued that, at present, with-profit policyholders as a body are subsidizing those who take loans on their policies—since it would be more profitable, in terms of interest charged and administrative work involved, for the companies to lend their funds in other ways.

Should the extra administrative costs as a result of the new legislation be a further drain on profitability (which will be met mainly by the with-profit policyholders), or should those borrowing the money pay for the extra expenses incurred? That is something for the insurance companies to consider.

Certainly, they will be only too well aware of the difficulty of earning reasonable profits at the present time in view of the investment conditions and the way in which the values of equity portfolios have dropped.

Traditional life offices are always most reluctant to reduce their rates of bonus, since this is something which may be held against them for years afterwards. It could be quite serious from the point of view of future sales.

Nevertheless, there have been warnings from some quarters over the past few weeks that the maintenance of current rates of bonus in the future will depend on some recovery in the presently depressed capital markets, unless interest rates

should rise to even higher levels to compensate for any further depreciation.

Thus life offices cannot be complacent about future bonus levels, and may well not want to subsidize those who borrow from them. Certainly, there has been a hardening attitude on the part of insurers.

Now, for a reasonable sized loan, many offices are charging 10 per cent, or more. Admittedly, it can be argued that this is a lower rate than they could obtain elsewhere (and smaller parcels of cash are involved), but, of course, this security cannot be bettered.

All the indications are that life will become more difficult for those wishing to borrow from life offices against the surrender value of their policies. Of course, if one has a policy with a surrender value, one is not obliged to borrow from the insurance company in question.

It is simply that the company has generally been the cheapest source, and it has not blown hot and cold as the economic climate has changed. But a bank which is willing to lend should accept a policy as security.

Currently, of course, its interest rate is likely to be higher than that charged by an insurance company.

There is a good deal of uncertainty in the air since the Budget about straightforward policy loans taken against the surrender value of regular premium policies. And, because the facts are so thin on the ground, insurance men hold differing views.

Some points, however, are reasonably clear. In the first place, there is the disallowance of tax relief on interest payments. For loans in force at Budget Day, the interest will continue to be eligible for tax relief until April 5, 1980.

Loans can be obtained in the same way as in the past for policies which were in force on March 26, and the policies will not be affected by the new proposals. But, of course, no tax relief will be allowed on the interest payments for fresh loans.

For some years, only policies arranged before Budget Day will have a worthwhile surrender value and thus be suitable for loan purposes.

There is a strong body of opinion which feels that the proposals intend that if a loan is obtained against the security of a regular premium policy arranged after Budget Day, there will be no tax drawback, other than the relief which the policyholder is paying premiums with on hand (and obtaining some tax relief in respect of them) while receiving "benefits" in the form of the loan, with the other hand, he will be paying a commercial rate of interest, and he will not be obtaining any tax relief on that.

From the insurance company's point of view, the position will be much the same as if the money had been lent to any other individual or organization quite unconnected with the policy.

There are those who look on the gloomy side (and perhaps read more into the Inland Revenue's notes on the subject than is intended), by saying that, if a loan is taken instead of surrendering a policy, there may be a claw-back of tax relief on the same basis as if the policy had been surrendered.

While, no doubt, the life offices could put that into operation, the position could become much more complex if a policyholder were to obtain a loan from his bank against the surrender value of his policy.

Others among those taking a gloomy view are thinking in terms of a charge to higher rate tax if a loan is obtained within the first 10 years of the life of a policy (or three quarters of its term, if less)—again, on the same basis as if the policy had been surrendered.

To be absolutely clear on these points, we shall have to wait until the Finance Bill reveals the details for the autumn. Meanwhile, for policies in force before Budget Day, there should not be tax difficulties (apart from the disallowance of interest for tax relief), but there is the real possibility of life offices becoming less "generous" to their policyholders.

John Drummond

In a cosmic time twist

The other day I had a bad trip. I don't know whether it was the hallucinogenic mushroom omelette I had for lunch at the Club or the extra glass of madras afterwards, but the fact remains that, slumped at my desk at about half past three in the afternoon I suddenly discovered myself in this four-dimensional time twist, being wrung out as it were by a terrible cosmic mangle.

It is hard to describe in so many words, but I was in some mysterious way translated exactly ten years ahead into the future—when I found myself reading, like on an antique, some sort of almanac or diary for the month of May 1984. However, there were few Orwellian overtones in the experience, the record of which ran as follows:

May 1—56 million workers march from Marble Arch to Hyde Park Corner in celebration of the 10th anniversary of the first reading of the repeal of the Industrial Relations Act.

May 2—The only four remaining private shareholders march from Hyde Park Corner to Marble Arch in celebration of the fact that they are still alive and well and living in the Isle of Man. Sir James Slater appointed Governor of the Bank of England.

May 3—Herman Kahn forecasts extensive growth for the United Kingdom as the last growth area with labour cheap enough to be suitable for neocolonialist exploitation by the Japanese.

May 4—United Kingdom trade figures reveal that invisible exports are now so invisible as to have disappeared completely. New balance of payments crisis. Sterling falls to 26.02 cowrie shells to the £.

May 5—Energy crisis. Coal futures traded at record price of £1,075 per ton. Lord Gormley appointed head of Royal Commission to investigate coal speculation.

May 7—Energy crisis. Discovery of horses as a new form of energy. Offshore Horse Bond launched by Bank of Shetland Islands.

May 9—Horsemeat shortage hits Smithfield. Arab horses abrogate all international agreements. Shetland ponies' resolve less "generous" to their policyholders.

May 12—Sterling falls to 11.25 sharks teeth to the £. Two foreign exchange dealers eaten by sharks.

May 13—Extensive shell deposits found in Isle of Man. Isle of Man unilaterally secedes from United Kingdom.

May 16—20th anniversary date on which building movement was last seen to move.

May 18—£3,000m sharks-tooth loan floats. National Coal Board for developing pit pony resource.

May 19—Chancellor Jeremy (Clive, not second spring Budget apt balance of payments simultaneously).

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At that moment my delirious secretary came in with a coffee and broke the "Look", she said, "your calendar says May 1984. S change it back for you."

"Thank heavens", I said, "I wish you would."

Francis Kins

Round-up

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Taxation: capital gains

The Inland Revenue's view of an Englishman's castle

It is said that an Englishman's home is his castle. It is also one of his most important tax-free investments.

The rule for capital gains tax is that any gain on disposal will not be taxed if the house, or part of a house, has been the individual's only or main residence during the whole period he has owned it. During the whole period that is, except for the last 12 months. The law allows for the fact that properties take time to sell by treating the last year of ownership as a period of occupation whether or not the owner was resident. Consequently any gain made in that time will be tax-free.

One acre of grounds, including the site of the house, comes within the exemption, but the Inland Revenue may agree a larger area. They need to be satisfied that having regard to the size and character of the house a larger area is required for reasonable enjoyment of it as a residence.

If there is any restriction the question then arises: which part is regarded as belonging to the house? The official answer is that part which would be most suitable for the occupation and enjoyment of the house, but in practice this may not be easy to resolve, particularly if one part of the land attached to the residence is more valuable than another part.

Each person is allowed exemption for one house, with that irritating rule that husband and wife are treated as one person. Before marriage a single man

and a single woman are each entitled to exemption on the house they own and live in, but the situation changes after marriage. For the gains to be completely free of tax one of the spouses would need to sell up within a year of marriage.

One further house owned by the taxpayer or his wife will be exempt from capital gains tax if it is occupied by a dependent relative. The catch is that it has to be occupied rent-free. In which case a relative, previously in rented accommodation and drawing the supplementary pension, will presumably lose the benefit of this additional state pension.

Dependent relative means a relative of the taxpayer or his wife who is incapacitated by old age or infirmity. It also includes the mother of the taxpayer or his wife, who is widowed, separated or divorced, whether or not she is incapacitated. The latter is taxable.

Where the individual owns more than one house and resides in them all, for example a town house and a country cottage, he can nominate which one of them will qualify for relief. This is done by writing to the tax office within two years of acquiring the second house. If the individual does not nominate, the tax office will do it for him—an alternative it is better to avoid.

Full exemption will only be given if the house has been owner-occupied throughout the whole period of ownership. If there have been periods of absence then only part of the gain will be exempt. A straightforward piece of arithmetic is involved here. The gain is divided between the period of occupation (including the last 12 months) and the period of

absence, on a time basis. The former is exempt, the latter is taxable.

Having said that, there is an important rule which treats certain periods of absence as periods of occupation provided no other residence qualifies for relief and provided that both before the period of absence and after, the house is for a time the main residence. This applies to any period of absence totalling more than three years.

It also applies to any time throughout which the individual worked in an employment all the duties of which were performed abroad. Finally, it applies to any period of absence not exceeding four years in all, throughout which the owner was prevented from living in the house because his employer required him to reside elsewhere.

These periods are cumulative and if there is any overlapping the taxpayer can choose that combination of periods most favourable to him.

Anyone involved in this problem of part absence and part occupation should bear in mind that they are concerned only with the post-April 6, 1965, situation. Capital gains tax was introduced on that date and as it was not intended to be retrospective any gain accruing up to April 5, 1965 (and the periods of absence and occupation before this date) are ignored.

Another example where only part exemption will be given is if part of the house is used exclusively for the purposes of a trade, business, profession or vocation. The gain attributable to that particular part is not exempt.

However if it can be shown that the house is not "sively" used in this way would seem that full exemption cannot be denied to the payer. A freelance journalist, for example, using his home for professional purposes will probably work in all of it from time to time, work articles in bed even—hardly exclusive use of the bed or of any other part of the house.

There is more to be said private residences and I come back to this subject next article. In the meantime readers may be reassured to know that, according to Finance Bill, if the main house is exempt under capital gains tax rules it also is exempt from the development gains tax.

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Investor's week

Markets hover - Inflation and insurance brokers

Week encapsulated the conflicting forces which have been at play in the equity market. On the one hand, shares showed a basic desire to hold to the continuing rise in the gilt-edged market. But on the other hand they still looked too well placed to meet a...
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noted recently have been by no means poor, they have been almost uniformly below best expectations.
This, while Sedgwick Forbes, for example, turned in a 17 per cent increase in profits to £8.34m this year, nevertheless around £500,000 below estimates...

Unit trust performance

Table with columns: TRUSTS: Medium and Income Funds (progress this year and in three years), Unitholder Index: 1974.1. Fall from January 1974.1. 20.2%.

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FINANCIAL NEWS

Burton profit tumbles on shorter week

By Our Financial Staff
That the Burton Group interim figures were going to be disappointing was in little doubt, given the example set last week by J. Hepworth which announced a 23 per cent profit setback...

Results

Greiff back on growth track
Halting the reversals over the whole of 1972 and the opening year of 1973 Greiff-Chemicals achieved a 21 per cent growth in profits to a best-over 337,000 last year...

Allied Leather at £1m

In line with the interim rise (profits up 80 per cent), full-time results of Allied Leather Industries show a more than doubling of taxable earnings on an annual basis, plus the achievement of a first-time £1m...

John Carr

After six months' trading, John Carr (Doncaster) has hoisted its taxable profit from £549,000 to £734,000, but the second half is difficult to forecast at present. On net profits up from £445,000 to £525,000...

Polymark

The expected record return has come from Polymark. The year's dividend is 4.39p compared with 4.75p for 18 months.

Management charges

The minimum level for a first investment in Scotfunds is £1,000. This enables the managers to set the initial management charges at a level which is considerably lower than normal. Currently over 60% of the fund is invested in a widely-diversified portfolio...

Capital gains tax

As a unit trust, Scotfunds represents an advantageous investment medium compared with a privately managed portfolio. Scotfunds pays capital gains tax on switching investments at a flat rate of 15% compared with the shareholder, who pays between 16% and 30%.

Performance

Scotfunds was launched on 7th November 1973 with a unit offer price of 100p. £1,000 invested then had appreciated to £2,018 by 15th May 1974, a rise of 101.8%. This compares with a rise of 3.1% in the Financial Times Actuaries All-Share Index and a fall of 3.2% in the Financial Times Investment Trust Index over the corresponding period.

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Bids & deals

Shell offers £5m for Colborn

Shell Petroleum is offering about £5m cash for the equity of the Colborn animal feedstuffs group. The basis is 155p cash a share.

Pentos in for rest of Austin-Hall at 54p

The foreboding formal all-out offer by Pentos for the remainder of Austin-Hall Group by share exchange puts a value on each A-H ordinary of 54p. Pentos already holds some 25 per cent of the equity which is some 4p above the market price.

Panel delays offer

The offer by J. F. Nash Securities to acquire the 25 per cent minority stake in its Galleys Group subsidiary has been ruled out of order by the Panel on Takeovers and Mergers. Nash has been told that the offer document does not comply with the City Code on takeover offers.

Streeters checked

Some 40 per cent ahead at mid-way in 1973, Streeters of Godalming finished 1973 with profits moving up only slightly. Turnover for the public works contractor expanded from £5.2m to £8.31m, but pre-tax earnings were up by only £10,000 to £20,000.

W. GOODKIND & SONS

After a loss by property subsidiary of £11,000 (nil), taxable profits up from £18,000 to £30,000. Dividend 0.7p (0.5p).

Stake in Reardon

Penamarian Group Sociedad Internacional de Bienes Raices has again raised its stake (disclosed in April) in the Reardon Group. It yesterday it gave notice that it acquired a further 35,000 Reardon ordinary shares, about 9.5 per cent of the equity. Some 58 per cent of Reardon shares are held by family interests.

Compare your private portfolio with SCOTFUNDS

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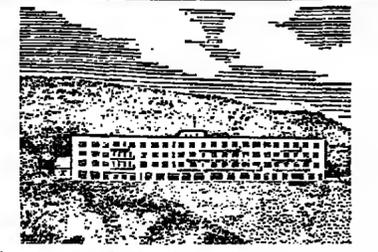
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